

Saudi King Assures Clinton of Support for Pact

By Thomas L. Friedman New York Times Service

HOUSTON — President Bill Clinton has promised the Israeli public the unflinching support of the United States at this critical time...

Clinton said over the weekend that King Fahd of Saudi Arabia had told him in a telephone conversation that, despite the Saudis' lingering wrath over Palestinian support for Iraq in the Gulf War...

seed money while most of the aid would be contributed by Japan, the European Community, Scandinavia and the Gulf Arab nations...

The president was in an ebullient mood as Air Force One carried him from California to Texas. He repeatedly expressed amazement at what was happening in the Middle East...

discussions of his strategic plans that underscored the central role he feels he, too, must perform if the whole thing is to work.

"I think even some of the leaders are still adjusting to it," Mr. Clinton said, explaining that he was not the only one stunned by the recent events...

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A U.S. Troop Role Is Possible in Golan

On Eve of Israel-PLO Peace Signing, Christopher Looks to Syria Accord

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON — U.S. troops could be deployed in the Golan Heights under any peace accord between Israel and Syria...

Mr. Christopher's remarks came on the eve of a momentous White House ceremony at which Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization will take a major step toward ending decades of bloodshed...

The hourlong ceremony Monday will begin at 11 A.M. (1500 GMT) and will be televised live in almost 100 countries.

Security will be the highest for any event in the White House in history. Streets around the White House will be blocked...

Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, smiled broadly as he stepped off his plane in bright sunshine at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington.

Mr. Arafat, who left his headquarters in Tunis packing a pistol and wearing battle fatigues, arrived for his first visit to Washington in a more conventional military uniform...

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin left Israel on Sunday amid Arab-Israeli violence in which four Israelis and three Palestinians were killed.

But with attention focusing on the ceremony in Washington, there was hope that the agreement would lead quickly to other agreements between Israel and Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.

Jordan and Israel hope to announce on Tuesday agreement on an agenda for their future peace talks, probably at a joint news conference at the State Department...

Mr. Christopher, asked on CBS television if the presence of U.S. forces in the Golan Heights, which Israel captured from Syria in 1967, might be part of any agreement...

When asked about a U.S. role in peace between Syria and Israel, he said that any new agreement "might well mean some kind of U.S. forces in the Golan."

Noting the "important role" that the United States played in the 1979 Israeli-Egyptian agreement, Mr. Christopher said: "We provided a level of security in the Sinai, and there may be a comparable role for the United States in the Golan Heights to give an assurance of security to Israel."

As Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat flew to Washington, intense speculation mounted about Monday's meeting between the two men who

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Gaza Muslims Kill 3 Israelis In Ambush

By William Claiborne Washington Post Service

JERUSALEM — Three Israeli soldiers were gunned down in a Muslim ambush in the Gaza Strip, and a bus driver was stabbed to death by a Palestinian...

It was escalating Muslim attacks on Israelis that, in part, prompted Israel to negotiate territorial compromise with the more moderate PLO, and the violence Sunday appeared certain to raise questions about whether the PLO could control such attacks once Israel withdraws from the occupied areas.

Two Muslim fundamentalist groups took responsibility for the killing of the three Israeli soldiers just east of Gaza City, but a leaflet left near the bodies attributed the attack to the military wing of the Hamas fundamentalist group...

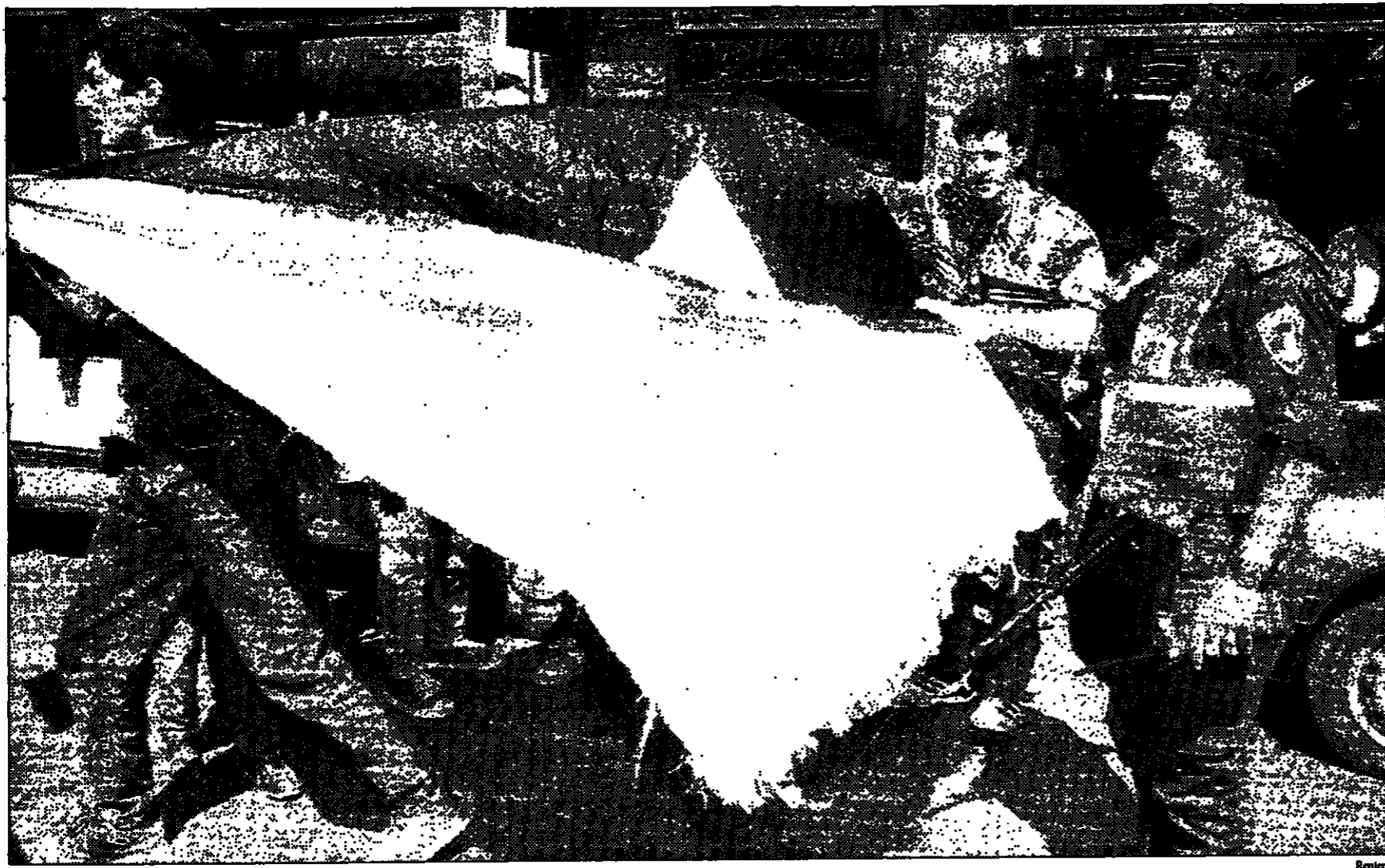
The Palestinian involved in the bus attack — who was shot and killed by Israeli soldiers riding in the vehicle between the southern Israeli towns of Ashdod and Ashkelon — was carrying a Hamas leaflet, authorities said.

After the attack, Police Commissioner Rafi Peled called for the closing of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, a move that would cast a pall on the signing of an agreement that is supposed to lead to the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the territories.

The occupied areas were never fully reopened after Israel closed them on March 30, but an easing of restrictions has allowed about half of the 100,000 Palestinian workers who commute to Israel to resume work there.

The army said that two or three men opened fire on three soldiers riding on patrol in a Jeep about 9:30 A.M. and

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An Israeli policeman, right, during a demonstration in East Jerusalem, telling supporters of the PLO and the peace process to remove their Palestinian banner.

The Health Care Specifics: Clinton's Wilsonian Reach

By Adam Clymer New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration's health care plan is imposing not just its intricacy and command of detail but also in its political audacity, which history may judge as courageous, or as reckless.

The program, whose details were disclosed at the weekend, would stir up and reorganize the medical business, and shake up imperfect but familiar relationships from those in family doctors' waiting rooms to those of the corridors of Congress.

It would also promise security for individuals and deficit control for the country. It would try

to do all this when the public's trust in the government is near a low point and when Congress is riven by partisanship.

It is an enormous political undertaking. One measure of its scale is that no president in decades has bet so much on a single issue. As a

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political gamble, it ranks with Woodrow Wilson's advocacy of the League of Nations.

But Mr. Clinton is risking not only his own capital, but also that of Congress. By defining this as the most important task of his presidency, he is making the issue a crucial test for

Congress, already the least-loved branch of the government.

Congress, after all, blocked the efforts of two earlier presidents, Harry S. Truman and Richard Nixon, to introduce national health insurance.

There is no way to predict how this Congress will deal with this president's proposals. After all, most of its members do not have them yet. Even the 246 "privileged and confidential" pages that lawmakers and aides are being shown behind closed doors are being

majority leader, George J. Mitchell of Maine, called preliminary conclusions. They are subject to adjustment if intensely resisted on Capitol Hill, although they have not surprised those who followed the eight months' development of the Clinton plan.

But so far, there has been a dramatic tentativeness in congressional reaction. Some of that must encourage Mr. Clinton, especially after the blunt Republican denunciations of his economic plan from February through August.

There is one very important difference in the political lineup between 1993 and the Truman administration's effort in 1949 to combat what Mr. Truman called the real costs of inadequate health care: "the shattering of family budgets."

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Rabin's Pragmatism Wins Over Decades of Bitterness

By Clyde Haberman New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — Inside, the old soldier was in a jumble.

Yitzhak Rabin, former general and army chief of staff, is rarely given to public displays of emotion. But in the mildly formal sitting room of his official residence in Jerusalem, the Israeli prime minister churned hands around his stomach to make the point that butterfly wings were flapping extra hard there.

"The idea that I'll meet Arafat on Monday still creates certain feelings of rejection," he said in an interview.

In not too many hours, he would be standing

on the White House lawn, face to face with Yasser Arafat, perhaps even shaking his hand, although that remains the great unanswered question of this epochal moment in Middle East history.

Standing with the despised leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization? It is all moving too fast for many Israelis, even if they approve of the tentative peace accord with the PLO, and Mr. Rabin said he understood them well.

"How will I explain it to those who were killed and wounded," he asked, "to the soldiers I commanded and fought with, who fought the PLO terror groups and lost their lives?"

"What I'd say to those families that lost their dear ones," he continued, "is that if we can have peace with any Arab country with which we had a long and bitter fight, and on every front we lost..."

Here, the former commander of Israeli forces during the lightning 1967 war broke off his words about the possible future and looked back for a minute.

"We lost many," he said about his army, the IDF Defense Forces. "The casualties of the IDF in wars is almost 17,000 killed. I myself commanded a brigade that fought in 1948 here in the vicinity of Jerusalem on the road. Let me see — June, July — in about two months I lost

200 in killed and about 500 or 600 in wounded, out of 1,800 soldiers in my brigade — half of my brigade."

Suddenly, the glance backward was over, and he was back to Israeli angst about the future.

"I will tell them that whatever happened was painful, but let's make it different in the future," he said. "Or at least let's take a chance, a possibility that it will be different."

"I'm an old guy. I served 27 years in the military. My son served. Now my grandson serves. Let's give a hope that at least my grandson will not need to fight. If there will be a need,

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Rightist Is Trailing In Munich Mayor Vote

MUNICH (Reuters) — One of Germany's main critics of the Maastricht Treaty on European Union was the loser in voting on Sunday for a new mayor of Munich.

Peter Gauweiler, the rightist Bavarian environment minister, trailed with 43.4 percent after his tough law-and-order campaign. His rival, Christian Ude, a Social Democrat, scored an unexpectedly strong 50.7 percent, according to preliminary results.

General News NATO is developing plan to send 50,000 peacekeeping troops to Bosnia, up to half of them Americans. Page 2.

Business/Finance Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. sold less of the South China Morning Post than had been expected. Page 9.

France won some support from its EC partners on farm trade. Page 9.

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China's Running Success: It's a Real Can of Worms

By Patrick E. Tyler New York Times Service

BEIJING — The provincial coach whose women runners broke three world records in five days says the astonishing efforts are not a result of performance-enhancing drugs.

Rather, he attributes his team's success to an expensive potion made from a rare worm found on China's western high plateau.

The coach, Ma Junren, in a rambling news conference, blasted critics of his team and also criticized the coaches of China's national team for trying to steal his best runners, disrupting their concentration and, generally, not recognizing his genius.

It seemed Ma was mad at almost everyone, except "my girls," who, as he does, come from Liaoning Province in northeast China.

His runners claimed a third world record Sunday when Wang Junxia, 20, shattered the 3,000-meter mark by a whopping 10 seconds at the National Games in Beijing. The day before, Qu Yunxia, 21, broke the 1,500-meter record by two seconds.

Wang had startled the track world on Wednesday in the 10,000-meter run by shearing 42 seconds off the old world mark.

In a sport where world records often come in increments of hundredths and tenths of seconds, and on an exceptional day by a full second or two, the Chinese runners' performances are hard to understate. Overnight, Wang and Qu and the other stars on the Liaoning team have become national heroines, and there was a spike of anti-Western sentiment in China last week over the skepticism from abroad that is preventing these

champions from fully enjoying their victories. Ma, addressing what he said were "ugly rumors" that China had recruited former East German doctors and coaches to develop a secret drug regime to enhance running performance, said: "We don't want any East German instruction. None of those East Germans have anything to do with us."

He said that tests at China's sports medicine laboratories and in Stuttgart during the recent world championships proved that none of his runners used illicit drugs.

"This is what I tell my trainees to drink," Ma said holding up a box of the worm-derived potion. "This is all natural and Chinese people have been drinking it for hundreds of years."

Most often used by men as an aphrodisiac, the worm extract comes from the "dong quing yu can" worm, whose name in a literal translation means "winter-bug-summer-grass." Chinese familiar with the herbal medicine said it can be bought at high prices at most traditional-medicine pharmacies in China.

Ma so dominated the news conference that Wang and Qu were only allowed to speak for a few seconds, and both took the opportunity to deny that they had used illicit drugs.

Ma, meanwhile, shouted at a roomful of reporters and even hawked his secret potions and training techniques. He was trying to raise money, he said, so he could underwrite the cost of worm elixirs and other potions, including soups made from soft-shell river turtles, to his athletes.

"If anyone is interested in us, we always need funds to buy turtles," he said.



Ma Junren exhorting his team at the National Games in Beijing on Sunday.

Viacom to Buy Paramount, Creating a Media Giant

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NEW YORK — Paramount Communications Inc. agreed Sunday to acquire Viacom Inc. for a total of \$5.2 billion in cash and stock, in the biggest media merger since the 1989 marriage of Time Inc. and Warner Communications.

The deal follows other combinations in the entertainment business as a handful of global giants race each other for control of both production and channels of distribution for programming.

Rupert Murdoch, for example, is building a worldwide television network through his News Corp. and 20th Century Fox. Time Warner, owner of Warner Brothers, is seeking to add a fifth domestic television network. And Ted Turner's Turner Broadcasting System Inc. recently added two smaller Hollywood studios to its array of cable television networks.

"This is all about who controls the 500-channel TV universe of tomorrow," said Douglas Gomery, a University of Maryland professor who specializes in the economics of the media. He said it would make Paramount-Viacom "a player in every market."

The merged company would also be well positioned to take advantage of the emerging interactive and high-technology marketplace where traditional entertainment like film and television is combining with computers and telephony.

With revenues exceeding \$6 billion a year, Paramount Viacom would rank as the fifth-largest media company in the world behind

Time Warner, News Corp., Germany's Bertelsmann AG and Walt Disney Co.

The new company would have a market capitalization of roughly \$17 billion with about \$2.4 billion in debt. That would put it in a stronger financial position than companies like Time Warner, which has a market capitalization of \$25 billion but some \$11 billion of debt.

Viacom, formed 22 years ago by a spinoff of CBS's old television programs and cable television systems, is best known as the owner of MTV, Nickelodeon and Showtime cable channels. Paramount, owner of one of Hollywood's Golden Age studios, is a formidable producer of television shows and movies, including "Cheers," "Entertainment Tonight," "Top Gun" and "Star Trek."

In the new company, the film studio Paramount Pictures could produce films for Viacom's Showtime movie channel that could be distributed on Viacom's cable systems.

"This one fits," said a Paine Webber entertainment analyst, Christopher P. Dixon. "It cuts through everything."

The transaction, valued at \$69.14 a share, would be a 13 percent premium to Paramount's closing stock price Friday of \$61.125. The purchase price is far higher than most analysts had expected. They had anticipated a value of no more than \$65 a share.

The cash portion of the deal would amount to \$9.10 a share, or a total of more than \$1 billion. Viacom would also give Paramount stockholders 0.1 share of its Class A stock and

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NATO Envisions Peacekeeper Force Of 50,000 in Bosnia

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

ROME — NATO is developing a plan to send about 50,000 peacekeeping troops to Bosnia, up to half of them Americans, if agreement is reached to end the war, Defense Secretary Les Aspin said Sunday.

Mr. Aspin's remarks — which he said were based on the assessment of U.S. military planners — were the most specific yet on the size and makeup of a UN-sanctioned multinational force that might be asked to enforce an accord in Bosnia.

At a meeting in Brussels before flying to Rome to discuss the proposal with U.S. military officials, Mr. Aspin also said that Congress was likely to veto American participation unless European allies provided half the troops.

In Rome at the end of a two-day European trip, Mr. Aspin held private talks with Admiral Jeremy Borda of the U.S. Navy, commander of southern NATO forces. Admiral Borda would be likely to head the NATO operation in case of a peace treaty between warring Serbs, Croats and Muslim-led Bosnian government forces in the former Yugoslav republic.

"We are talking overall numbers of around 50,000 total — that would be U.S. and Western allies," Mr. Aspin said at a meeting of the International Institute of Strategic Studies in Brussels, after a Sunday morning speech.

But he warned that Congress, which has been given final say on the issue by President Bill Clinton, was unlikely to approve large U.S. participation unless Western Europe played its part.

"I do believe that it is going to be a very, very difficult proposition to convince the American Congress to do that if the expectation is that the allies aren't going to be at least half of that," Mr. Aspin said in response to questions.

"It's going to be difficult in any case," he added. Mr. Aspin told reporters traveling with him that senior U.S. defense officials would begin discussions with congressional officials on the matter next week.

In his Brussels speech to the International Institute of Strategic Studies, a research group on defense strategy, Mr. Aspin stressed that while American military forces would not abandon Europe, NATO allies must in turn be willing to help Washington fight around the world.

"We can't take public support or a U.S. troop presence in Europe for granted — it hinges on how relevant NATO remains in the new era," he said of Mr. Clinton's promise to keep 100,000 troops and major stockpiles of military hardware on the Continent through at least 1999.

His warning appeared tied to continued reluctance by the Atlantic alliance, built to face the Soviet Union, to commit its forces outside European territory.

"NATO forces must be prepared to deter and defeat aggression

against Western interests beyond the NATO boundaries," Mr. Aspin said.

Although a number of alliance countries provided forces in the U.S.-led defeat of Iraq in the Gulf War, NATO did not formally commit units to fight there because of its long-standing prohibition against fighting "out of theater." (Reuters, AP)

Dispute Looms

Paul Levits of The New York Times reported from the United Nations:

A dispute is looming between Britain and France on the one hand and the United States on the other after President Clinton said he would send U.S. peacekeeping troops to Bosnia-Herzegovina only if the operation were under the control of NATO, not the United Nations.

Both Britain and France, which already have peacekeepers in Bosnia, want any operation to enforce an eventual peace agreement to be under the ultimate control of the United Nations.

But both are ready to accept a U.S. general as the commander of the forces with great latitude in day-to-day military decisions, diplomats said.

Officials said that Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali told the NATO secretary-general, Manfred Wörner, that he does not care which agency controls the operation, but that close cooperation would be necessary because the proposed peace plan has both civilian and military aspects.

While the United Nations must organize a new central government for the proposed union of Bosnian states, a military force would have to disarm the factions, monitor the cease-fire and ensure freedom of movement.

But if NATO were put in charge of Bosnian peacekeeping, Mr. Butros Ghali told Mr. Wörner, the alliance, not the United Nations, would have to pay the bill and the force could not fly the UN flag.



Bosnians, one hefting a bicycle, edging their way Sunday across a damaged bridge connecting central Sarajevo with a residential area.

Serbs List Military Targets in Croatia

The Associated Press

ZAGREB, Croatia — Serbs launched rocket attacks near Zagreb on Sunday and publicized a list of possible future targets.

The attacks were part of escalating retaliation for a surprise offensive of the Croatian Army on Thursday against Serbian villages in southwestern Croatia.

The Tanjug press agency quoted a leader of the self-declared Serbian republic in Croatia, Djordje Bjezovic, as warning that Serbs would "no longer give in" in the war in Croatia.

"The only solution is war on the entire front," he said. The press center of the Croatian Serbian Army in Knin, Croatia, sent a fax to The Associated Press listing about 50 potential military targets. It said the list was intended as a warning "to avoid casualties among civilians" in the target areas.

The list included seven targets in Zagreb, including the main airport, where there is an American field hospital staffed by about 300 military personnel.

Five rockets from a multibarrel launcher landed in Jastrebarsko, about 30 kilometers southwest of Zagreb, shortly after 8 A.M. Sunday, officials there said. They reported two people wounded. Four similar rockets also landed in Samobor, 20 kilometers west of Zagreb, wounding one person.

Saturday night, several people were injured by flying glass from shattered windows when two large Luna rockets exploded in the suburb of Lueko, 10 kilometers south of Zagreb, officials said.

Serbian shelling of Karlovac was more deadly, killing as many as eight people Saturday, Croatian radio reported.

President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia ordered his forces to halt offensive action Sunday

afternoon for 24 hours, during which he proposed that the two sides work out a cease-fire, the government announced.

But reports of fighting continued to come in from various parts of the country.

Serbs still hold about one-third of Croatia, and Croatian officials are impatient with the United Nations failure to enforce a January 1992 peace plan under which they expected to regain control of that territory.

Fighting also continued sporadically in Bosnia, where as many as 200,000 people are dead or missing after 18 months of war.

State radio reported that the Muslim sector of Mostar had come under heavy Croatian bombardment Saturday and Sunday, and that at least 10 people had been killed.

More than 50,000 people, mostly Muslims, are under siege in Mostar, Croats see Mostar as the capital of their future Bosnian state.

Q&A: A UN Aide on the Outlook for Asia's Poor

Rapid economic growth and mass poverty in Asia are a potentially explosive mix. Rafeuddin Ahmed, a Pakistani who is undersecretary-general of the United Nations and executive secretary of the UN's Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, or ESCAP, discussed some of the problems facing the region with Michael Richardson of the International Herald Tribune.

Q. There are two Asias — one poor, the other increasingly affluent. Can they continue to coexist?

A. Impressive economic gains achieved in recent years by a number of countries,

especially in East and Southeast Asia, have dramatically reduced the number of absolute poor in those nations. Indonesia is one example.

However, in the region as a whole the total number of absolute poor is undiminished at around 800 million, many of whom are landless. At least 120 million people in South Asia alone have no land. They make up approximately 40 percent of rural households.

Partly as a result of difficulties in the countryside, growing numbers of people in Asia are migrating to cities in search of jobs and a better life.

Q. Why are you so concerned about the problem?

A. The scale is alarming and requires sound policy decisions, careful planning and effective implementation. ESCAP is organizing a ministerial meeting on urbanization in Bangkok in November. It will be the first conference of its kind.

Asia already contains 22 of the world's 48 mega-cities, defined as those with populations of more than 4 million. A study we have made in preparation for the ministerial meeting suggests that by 2020, the urban centers of Asia will have to cope with an additional 1.5 billion people.

Q. Can Asia support its population?

A. Clearly, there is an imbalance between the land and the number of people it

must sustain. Asia is a vast region covering some 31 million square kilometers, or 23 percent of the world's land area. It contains about 2.8 billion people, equivalent to 56 percent of the world's population. Projections indicate that this figure will increase to 3.5 billion by the year 2000 and 4.15 billion by 2025.

Already agricultural land per-capita in Asia has declined from 0.29 hectares in 1977 to 0.27 hectares in 1987. Use of intensive cultivation techniques has expanded food supply. But it has been at the expense of land quality. The deterioration of cultivable land into desert is growing in Asia and now affects more than 360 million hectares and 150 million people.

4 Bombs Rock India After Attack on Party Official

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NEW DELHI — Four bombs exploded in different parts of India on Sunday, killing two people and

damaging an important bridge. The attacks came one day after a car bomb killed eight people, apparently in an attempt to assassinate a leading politician.

No one took responsibility for the blasts Sunday in southern and northeastern India, or for the Saturday explosion in New Delhi.

Two railroad employees were killed and two wounded when a bomb went off Sunday in a railroad reservation office in the southern city of Secunderabad, United News of India reported. Secunderabad, in Andhra Pradesh state about 800 miles (1,300 kilometers) south of

New Delhi, is a center of Islamic culture.

Three more blasts were reported in the towns of Thoubal, Island and Imphal in Manipur state, 740 miles northeast of New Delhi. No one was wounded, but in Thoubal, a bridge was damaged that links the state with Burma.

On Saturday, a car bomb exploded in central New Delhi as Maninder Singh Bitta, president of the governing Congress (I) Party's youth wing, was leaving his office. He escaped with minor injuries. Two of his bodyguards were among the eight dead.

The police suspect Sikh terror-

ists. Mr. Bitta, a Sikh from Punjab, has been the target of several Sikh separatist attacks.

The police stepped up security as the hunt continued for suspects. All states were put on full alert, and Sunday the federal Home Ministry and law enforcement agencies carried out an in-depth review of security procedures for prominent public figures.

Patrols on the outskirts of New Delhi were bolstered with vehicle checks, and security was increased at vital installations, the police said, adding that raids were continuing on suspected Sikh militant sanctuaries in New Delhi.

An unspecified number of suspects have been detained, but no formal arrests have been made, a police spokesman said.

The New Delhi police commissioner, Mukund Behari Kaushal, said Sunday that a special investigating team was pursuing "several angles."

"We have just begun investigations," he said, when asked about press reports suggesting that the Khalistan Liberation Force, a Sikh separatist group, was responsible.

India is afflicted by separatist campaigns by the Sikhs in Punjab, Muslim militants in Jammu and Kashmir state and tribespeople in the northeast, where three of the explosions occurred Sunday.

Militants among the Sikhs have for a decade been pursuing a campaign for secession of Punjab from the Indian union. At least 16,500 people have been killed in the violence.

Sikhs, who make up 2 percent of the nation's population, say they face discrimination in Hindu-dominated India. Hindus make up 82 percent of the population.

In Muslim violence in Jammu and Kashmir, at least 7,300 people have died since 1990. (AP, AFP)

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continued firing after the commander of the squad returned fire. Authorities said the vehicle sped out of control for a short distance until it slammed into a mosque, at which time the gunman took the M-16 rifles from the bodies of two of the soldiers. The third soldier had fallen on his weapon, which they left, according to a radio report.

In calls to news organizations in Gaza City, a man said the Islamic Jihad had killed the soldiers as "a gift to Yasser Arafat," chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization. But military officials said they were certain that Hamas was responsible.

In the Gaza Strip, a Palestinian opposed to the accord was killed by a hand grenade he was carrying while fleeing Israeli soldiers, military officials said. The man was reportedly linked to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palest-

tine, a Marxist faction of the PLO. Just before departing for Washington, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin alluded obliquely in an interview on CNN to the prospect of a PLO-run police force in Gaza and parts of the West Bank, conveying doubt that such a force would be able to control Hamas's violence once Israeli security forces began their withdrawal.

The prime minister reassured Israelis that if the Palestinian leadership was unable to control Hamas, Israel was prepared to send its forces back into the occupied areas.

"It's going to be a problem to us and to those who signed the agreement," he said, adding that the Israeli Defense Forces would be withdrawn gradually in order to test the Palestinian police force's competence. But he stressed that he was not going to look for an "excuse" to use Israeli forces, because he believes the arrangement will work.

The Declaration of Principles contains no explicit provision for Israeli security forces' taking back control of territories if violence resumes after they leave.

Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur also said the Palestinian leadership had yet to prove that it could maintain order.

"Now they will have to prove that they are really representatives of the Palestinian people, not only in words but also in deeds," Mr. Gur said in a radio broadcast. "The success of the agreement lies in their capacity to control their people."

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About People

Waven Buffett, 63, chairman of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., an insurance and investment company, is the richest man in the United States, with holdings totaling nearly \$9 billion, according to a Washington Post survey. He displaces William H. Gates 34, 36, the computer wizard who heads Microsoft, at \$6.4 billion. Mr. Gates may or may not be ahead of John W. Kluge, owner of MetroMedia Co., whose wealth is estimated at \$5.5 billion by Forbes magazine but at \$8.8 billion by Fortune magazine.

Short Takes

Lawyers are increasingly disenchanted with their jobs, according to polls by the American Bar Association and a study, "Lawyers in Distress," co-written by Amiram Elwork, director of the law-psychology program at Widener University in Chester, Pennsylvania. "It appears a very large portion of lawyers are very dissatisfied with their careers," Mr. Elwork said. He said factors include the economic downturn, striking profits and fewer partnerships. "Clients are surfer and poorer," he added. As for the public at large, the National Law Journal says that "resentment of lawyers is running at fever pitch." Young lawyers at major law firms complain of overwork and overspecialization — "dronework," some call it. Robert S. Bennett, a prominent Washington attorney, says, "Law is becoming less and less of a profession and more and more of a business."

Book publishers, instead of fighting the computer age, should join it by including a digital version with each book, Michael Schrage, a Los Angeles Times business columnist, suggests. "Maybe you wouldn't want to include that trashy summer novel you're ashamed to be reading. But how about that biography or business book?" A floppy disk would cost only a dollar or so per copy. "We don't just read books anymore; we use them as tools," he writes. "But wouldn't authors want to sell their digitized books separately, just like audio tapes? Well, first of all, who really wants to pay \$19.95 to read 230 pages on a computer screen? The key is to recognize that the digital and printed versions are complements to, not substitutes for each other."

A man charged with stealing a car was easy to track, policemen in Marshall, Minnesota, said, after they found his handwritten résumé under one of the seats when they recovered the vehicle. They jailed Scott Timothy Root, 31.

Bob Levey, a Washington Post columnist who is crusading against bank checks with ugly designs, heard from one reader who wrote that the ugliest check is the one stamped "Insufficient Funds."

Arthur Higbee

WORLD BRIEFS

Kazakhstan Moving on Nuclear Pact

ALMA-ATA, Kazakhstan (AP) — Kazakhstan's president told a special U.S. envoy on Sunday that his country would approve the treaty banning the spread of nuclear weapons this year, removing a key obstacle to better ties with the United States.

"I had the definite sense of acceleration in this relationship," said Strobe Talbott, the U.S. envoy, of his meeting with President Nursultan A. Nazarbayev.

Kazakhstan has approved the START-I strategic arms reduction treaty, but had refused to sign the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty until its security concerns were met. Mr. Talbott said Mr. Nazarbayev had pledged that Kazakhstan would "press ahead with his colleagues in parliament" toward making his nation a nonnuclear state "this year."

U.S. and Italy Discuss Somali Rift

ROME (Reuters) — The American and Italian defense ministers tried Sunday to smooth differences over the United Nations operation in Somalia, saying they agreed on the need for a political solution to Somali problems.

Les Aspin and Fabio Fabbrini met in Rome after the Italian's criticism of the UN operation earlier this week caused a new rift with Washington over the use of force in Somalia.

"We all have agreed that the actions to be taken in Somalia have to move toward a political solution," Mr. Fabbrini said after the talks. But Mr. Aspin stressed a "two-track approach, both of which are essential for progress in Somalia — a military track and a political track." Both men said differences over the UN operation should not be allowed to hurt relations between Rome and Washington.

Norway Vote Expected to Lean Left

OSLO (Reuters) — Norwegians began voting Sunday in a general election that is expected to leave the ruling Labor Party in power and show a swing to the left. Major issues include high unemployment and Norway's application to join the European Community.

Although election day is Monday, about half the country's local authorities permit residents to vote Sunday if they don't want to interrupt work the next day.

An opinion poll in the Dagbladet paper on Sunday illustrated the rising popularity of Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland's party. It is expected to get 34.8 percent of the vote. That would match its support in the last election but would show a marked comeback from mid-year, when the party's popularity fell below 30 percent, its poorest rating since the 1920s.

Taiwan to Deploy Its Own Missile

TAIPEI (Reuters) — Taiwan will begin deploying its first domestically developed surface-to-air missile next month as part of a program to upgrade its air defenses, a local newspaper reported Sunday.

The first battery of Sky Bow missiles will be installed at the Sky Dragon military base in Taipei County, the United Daily News quoted unidentified sources as saying. Five more batteries are to be deployed later in locations including Taiwan's offshore islands, it said.

The Sky Bow could shoot down a range of aerial targets such as planes and missiles, and its performance was believed to match the U.S. Patriot missile, the newspaper quoted Defense Minister Sun Chen as saying.

Kasparov Takes Big Lead in Match

LONDON (Reuters) — Garry Kasparov, the world chess champion, took a commanding lead over Nigel Short of Britain by winning the third game of their title match, but Mr. Kasparov said he had not written off the challenger's chances.

Mr. Kasparov, who needs only a 12-1/2 tie in the £1.7 million pound (\$2.6 million), 24-game match to retain the world crown, triumphed on Saturday with the white pieces for the second time and now leads by 2 1/2 points to 1/2 point.

In Arnhem, Netherlands, meanwhile, Jan Timman of the Netherlands and Anatoli Karpov of Russia drew the fifth game of the rival FIDE world chess championship on Sunday after 55 moves and 7 hours' play. The match is now tied at 2 1/2 points each.

For the Record

Thousands of Ukrainians jammed into a square in Kiev on Sunday for an ecumenical religious service that climaxed a four-day commemoration of the 1930s famine and 7.5 million deaths caused by Stalin's forced agricultural collectivization. (Reuters)

TRAVEL UPDATE

Iran's railways will raise passenger fares by an average of 50 percent effective Sept. 23, a rail official was quoted as saying by Tehran radio. First-class express will increase by 100 percent, ordinary first class by 30 percent, standard second class by 30 percent and ordinary second class by 30 percent, the radio said. (Reuters)

Tourists are avoiding Mombasa, Kenya's Indian Ocean port city normally popular with guests staying in nearby beach hotels, after Moslem youths rioted twice in its Arab quarter last week. The town was quiet Sunday after rioting on Thursday and Friday, but police were conspicuous on the streets. (Reuters)

City officials in Alma-Ata, the capital of Kazakhstan, closed all markets and most food shops over the weekend to fight an outbreak of cholera, a local journalist said. The journalist said by telephone that officials acted after 13 clients of one of 10 major fruit and vegetable markets in the city came down with the disease. (Reuters)

An Air Charter cargo jetliner arrived in Taipei Sunday, inaugurating weekly air service between Taiwan and France, which do not have diplomatic relations. In addition to a weekly cargo flight, Air Charter, a subsidiary of Air France, and Eva Airways, a private Taiwan carrier, will inaugurate a weekly passenger flight in November. (AP)

This Week's Holidays

Banking and government offices will be closed or services curtailed in the following countries and their dependencies this week because of national and religious holidays:

- MONDAY: Switzerland.
- TUESDAY: Nicaragua.
- WEDNESDAY: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Japan, Nicaragua.
- THURSDAY: Israel, Mexico.
- FRIDAY: Israel.
- SATURDAY: Chile.

Sources: J.P. Morgan, Reuters.

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A Grand, Murky Health Plan Proposal Has Sweep, but Financing Is Vague

By Robert Pear

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — After seven months of secret deliberations, President Bill Clinton has settled on a bold plan to guarantee health insurance for all Americans while greatly expanding federal power to control private spending on medical care.

The proposal is breathtaking in its sweep, its complexity and its ambition. But the financing remains murky, and the whole plan depends on extremely optimistic assumptions about the savings that can be achieved through a combination of government regulation and free-market competition. Health care is a \$900 billion a year industry.

In the latest draft of his plan, Mr. Clinton says his proposal "enhances the security of the American

people" by guaranteeing that they will never lose health coverage, even if they become sick or lose their jobs.

Mr. Clinton predicts that his health plan, which would be phased in over the rest of the decade, will shave \$91 billion from the federal budget deficits over the next seven years, even as he attempts to provide prescription drug coverage for all Americans and comprehensive health benefits for the 37 million people who are now uninsured.

Many parts of the Clinton proposal had leaked out over the last few months, but the full text became available, from legislators and lobbyists, less than two weeks before Mr. Clinton intends to make his case in a speech to a joint session of Congress. The entire proposal is subject to approval by

Congress, which is most likely to insist on major changes.

The document describes how the federal government would enforce a national health-care budget by regulating the annual volume and intensity of medical services — factors that have accounted for a large share of recent increases in health spending.

The heart of the Clinton plan is a proposal to establish huge consumer groups, known as regional health alliances, that would buy care from competing networks of doctors, hospitals and insurance companies.

Mr. Clinton would require employers to buy health insurance for all their workers. But, for political reasons, he insists that payments are premiums, not taxes — a contention vehemently disputed by Republicans and many business lobbyists.

Mr. Clinton's proposal would give states broad new power to regulate and tax the health-benefit plans of the nation's biggest corporations, which have long been exempt from state regulation. Such companies could continue serving as their own insurers, but they would lose much of the discretion they now have in designing and operating health plans.

On offering his plan to Congress, the president will urge doctors, hospitals and drug companies to limit price increases, but he has apparently not decided what the amount should be. The secretary of health and human services, Donna E. Shalala, would systematically monitor medical prices and spending, and she would have new authority to obtain financial data from companies, the document says.



ON THE ROAD AGAIN — President Bill Clinton, with Vice President Al Gore, speaking at a meeting in Houston over the weekend to promote their effort to streamline the government. The president has created a cabinet-level panel to supervise the operation.

Envoy Sees Police Hand In Haitian Murders

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The police chief of Port-au-Prince is linked to a wave of killings threatening the return of Haiti's exiled president, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the United Nations special envoy, Dante Caputo, said Sunday. He said that Colonel François, a day after one of Father Aristide's key supporters was murdered.

It was the first time any foreign or Haitian official had gone on record connecting the capital's police chief, Lieutenant Colonel Michel François, to gunmen who have killed several of Father Aristide's supporters.

"Everybody knows what is going on, but they don't say," said Mr. Caputo, a former Argentine foreign minister who has been seeking a solution to Haiti's political divisions of the last nine months.

The gunmen are not necessarily members of the army or the army-controlled police force, but they act with the complicity of certain officers, "mainly Colonel François," Mr. Caputo said. He said that Colonel François was "very closely related to these killers."

The latest victim in the wave of violence was a businessman, Antoine Izemery, a leading financial backer of Father Aristide who was dragged out of a church by gunmen on Saturday and shot dead in the street.

Seconds after the service ended, about 20 men in civilian clothes entered the church and grabbed Mr. Izemery, who was one of the main financial backers of Father Aristide's 1990 election campaign. After winning the presidency, Father Aristide, a Roman Catholic priest, was overthrown by the military in September 1991. He is to return to Haiti next month under an agreement with the leaders of the coup.

Witnesses said two men took Mr. Izemery from the church, fired a bullet through his right temple and left him lying on the road. About 50 people fled the church, many escaping over fences and through gardens, and the assailants tried to beat people as they ran from the building.

Mr. Caputo called the killing "an execution."

The U.S. Embassy issued a statement condemning the violence. "We deeply deplore this morning's attack on Mr. Antoine Izemery, which resulted in his death," the statement said. "Such acts of violence are completely unjustifiable and violate the spirit of national reconciliation embodied in the Governor's Island Accord."

France issued a stern warning to Haiti's military authorities on Sunday, saying it held them responsible for the safety of the new civilian government of Prime Minister Robert Malval.

Units of Colonel François's uniformed police force passed by the church minutes before and after the attack, but did nothing to intervene, witnesses said.

Mr. Caputo said those organizing the violence were opposed to the UN plan to restore democracy. He described them as "people who are trying to stop this process, who don't want this process to succeed." (Reuters, NYT)

The Highlights

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Following are the main elements of President Bill Clinton's health-care reform proposal:

● **Financing:** One significant feature of the last version of the Clinton plan, prepared in early August, has been dropped: a proposal for a new federal trust fund through which billions of dollars in private health insurance premiums would be channeled. Under the latest version of the Clinton proposal, the regional health alliances would keep billions of dollars of premiums in local bank accounts and in secure investments, but would not send the money to Washington.

● **Budget:** Under the plan, "the federal government is responsible for enforcing the health-care budget" for America, the document states. A proposed new agency, the National Health Board, would calculate and approve health insurance premiums for most people. Health plans would submit bids to the huge regional alliances of consumers. But if the bids exceeded the target set by the government, the regional consumer alliance could levy a special assessment on health plans, doctors and hospitals whose bids were deemed to be excessive.

● **Employers:** They would have to buy health insurance for part-time workers, just as for full-time workers. The employer's mandatory contribution is prorated, based on the assumption that a 30-hour week is full-time. Thus, for an employee who works 20 hours a week, the employer must pay two-thirds of the usual premium.

● **Premiums:** The standard package of benefits are expected to average \$4,200 for a family and \$1,800 for one person. Employers would have to pick up a substantial share of the cost of health care for low-income workers now covered by Medicaid. Companies with more than 5,000 employees may run their own health plans. But states may impose taxes and other assessments on such self-insured companies.

● **Medicare and Medicaid:** A state can bring Medicare beneficiaries into the large purchasing pools that will buy insurance coverage for state residents under 65. But the state must assure the federal government that elderly people will not lose any benefits.

● **The federal government would increase Medicare premiums for individuals with incomes above \$100,000 a year and for couples with incomes above \$125,000. The premium is now \$36.60 a month. The document does not specify the amount of the increase. Most people who are now covered by Medicaid would enroll in regional health alliances, choosing from the same health plans as other citizens.**

● **Consumers:** Every American would be required to enroll in a health plan. Every consumer would get a "unique identification number." The National Health Board would establish standards to protect the privacy of medical information in patients' records. The nation would move rapidly toward greater use of computers to keep medical records and to pay health insurance claims.

HEALTH: A Wilsonian Reach in the Clinton Plan

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the disruption of family life, the suffering and disabilities, the permanent physical impairments left by crippling diseases and the deaths each year of tens of thousands of persons who might have lived.

As Richard E. Neustadt, the retired Harvard scholar of the presidency, recalled from his days working on health care in the Truman White House, "Not one single scintilla of support did we get from the big business community in 1949." Big business, whose health costs are soaring, is one of the biggest boosters of the president's approach today.

Mr. Neustadt said President Clinton would still have a hard time winning passage and argued that the emphasis on the plan's use as a way to reduce the deficit might just produce popular disbelief. "The man's in an awful box," he said. "But at least he's not just sitting in it."

At any rate, he added: "It's an appropriate issue for the Demo-

cratic administration. Nobody should be left out in this country."

Mr. Clinton campaigned on health care legislation as essential to reducing the nation's deficit and making individuals feel secure. In his inaugural, he lamented that "the cost of health care devastates families and threatens to bankrupt our enterprises, great and small."

Among all his campaign promises, it stood out as one the public thought he could, and would, keep. And the program has been structured with a serious eye on political realities, avoiding serious new taxes, stressing competition as a way to curb costs, even skirting large trouble spots by assuring labor that workers retired before 65 would not lose the coverage their union contracts now provide.

Stephen E. Ambrose, the Nixon biographer at the University of New Orleans, recalled Mr. Wilson's failure as one comparable big issue. He said that there were major political risks in the Great Society program of Lyndon B. Johnson and the variety of domestic pro-

grams Mr. Nixon planned for his second term before Watergate sank him. But each involved a variety of subjects, not just one like health care.

But Mr. Wilson and Mr. Nixon were talking risks in second terms, changing history, not re-election as Mr. Clinton is. And Mr. Johnson had an immense congressional majority that Mr. Clinton lacks.

As Mr. Ambrose said of Clinton, "He is gambling everything on it, even his wife's reputation."

Cuba to Allow 11 Dissidents to Leave

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MEXICO CITY — In a sudden change in policy, the Cuban government allowed 11 Cubans who took refuge in the Mexican Embassy in Havana to travel to Mexico City.

Special authorization was given despite a firmly-stated Cuban position that Cubans who illegally sought political asylum at foreign embassies would not be allowed to leave.

The Cubans, who arrived here aboard a Cubana de Aviación jet under tight security, hoped to travel on to the United States.

The Mexican Foreign Ministry was tight-lipped about the developments, which followed an appeal by Mexico to President Fidel Castro.

The departing group was directly transported to Havana airport early Saturday and put on a commercial flight to Mexico. (AFP, AP, Reuters)

Clinton Cuts Some Red Tape

HOUSTON — President Bill Clinton has signed orders designed to reduce federal red tape, cut payrolls and improve government services to taxpayers.

The presidential orders call for federal agencies to cut internal regulations by 30 percent, create "customer service" standards to improve performance and devise plans to carry out an intended 12 percent reduction in the federal workforce.

The second directive, calling for agency heads to write plans to reduce their staffs, is the first step toward the administration's goal of cutting its workforce by 252,000 workers. The directive does not have the force of law. (LAT)

A Party Split Over Abortion?

WASHINGTON — Patrick J. Buchanan told conservative Christian activists that if the Republican Party abandoned its anti-abortion stand, "it is time to found a new party."

The warning from the columnist and 1992 presidential aspirant highlighted the difficulties facing those trying to bridge conflicts over social issues within the Republican Party.

The 2,000 activists in the Christian Coal-

Reopening 'Iraqgate' Probe

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department, after months of scrutiny, has decided to open a broad new investigation into whether laws were broken by American offi-

Quote/Unquote

Roberta Achtenberg, undersecretary for Housing and Urban Development, at a luncheon meeting of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Conference: "President Clinton has made a step forward by allowing gays and lesbians to prove our mettle in a way that no other president has done." (AP)

Erich Leinsdorf, Conductor, Dies at 81

NEW YORK TIMES SERVICE

Erich Leinsdorf, 81, a conductor whose abrasive intelligence and deep musical learning served as a conscience for two generations of conductors, died of cancer Saturday at a hospital in Zurich.

Mr. Leinsdorf's utilitarian stage manner and his disdain of dramatic effects for their own sake stood out as a no-nonsense rebuke to his colleagues in this most glamorous of all musical jobs.

In addition, Mr. Leinsdorf — in rehearsal, in the press, and in his valuable book on conducting, "The Composer's Advocate" — never tired of pointing out gaps in culture among musicians, faultily editing among music publishers, and errors in judgment or acts of ignorance

among his fellow conductors. He rarely named his victims, but his messages and their targets were often clear.

His long career continued until early this year, when his health deteriorated. After conducting the New York Philharmonic in January, he was forced to cancel later performances.

Mr. Leinsdorf moved to the United States from Vienna in 1937. Helped by the recommendation of Arturo Toscanini, whom he had assisted at the Salzburg Festival, he made his conducting debut at the Metropolitan Opera the following year, aged 25, with "Die Walküre."

A year later, he was made overseer of the Met's German repertory, and his contentious style — in

particular an insistence on textual accuracy and more rehearsal — won him no friends among singers like Lauritz Melchior and Kirsten Flagstad. Backed by management, he remained at the Met until 1943.

A brief tenure at the Cleveland Orchestra during World War II was interrupted by service in the U.S. Army. After the war he took over the Rochester Philharmonic and stayed for nine years.

After a brief term as music director of the New York City Opera in 1956, he returned to the Met in 1957, remaining until he took over the music directorship of the Boston Symphony, where he replaced Charles Munch in 1962. After leaving Boston in 1969, he remained active as a guest conductor with major orchestras in Europe and North America.

José Azeredo de Perdigão, 96, Portugal's foremost patron of the arts for nearly four decades as head of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, died Friday in a hospital here, where he was being treated for a heart ailment.

David G. Cogan, 85, an international leader in ophthalmology who discovered radiation-induced cataracts in the survivors of the atomic bombing of Japan, died Thursday of a heart attack at a hospital in Wayne, Michigan, while on a trip. Dr. Cogan, who lived in Chevy Chase, Maryland, is considered the founder of the subspecialty of neuro-ophthalmology.

Away From Politics

- The United States will grant permanent residency to about 49,000 Chinese students who were in the United States when the Beijing government cracked down on democracy demonstrators in 1989, according to the magazine U.S. News & World Report.
- Uncontrolled flows of raw sewage from Mexico have led California's governor, Pete Wilson, to proclaim a state of emergency in San Diego County. The declaration allows local cities to seek federal aid to clean up the mess.
- The Pentagon rejected a U.S. Forest Service plan to buy 100 surplus A-10 tactical bombers from the air force for use in fighting forest fires. The Pentagon concluded that attaching 1,500-gallon water tanks to the bombers would be too difficult.
- A Los Angeles lawyer announced that she was no longer representing a 13-year-old boy who begged that the singer Michael Jackson sexually abused him. Gloria Allred, who took the case less than two weeks ago, declined to answer questions about why she was leaving.
- Prosecutors in Michigan said they might try to jail Dr. Jack Kevorjian if a formal investigation determines that he helped a lung-cancer patient, Donald O'Keefe, 73, commit suicide. Dr. Kevor-

jian was on hand at the suicide eight hours after a judge ordered him to stand trial for violating Michigan's new law against assisted suicide.

● A small religious theater company has come under fire for casting a woman mime as Jesus in a performance during Pope John Paul II's visit to Denver last month. Officials of the Cincinnati-based troupe called the Fountain Square Folks insist that they chose the woman on purely artistic, not political, grounds.

● Mounting evidence that billions of dollars of retirees' money is being mishandled has led law-enforcement officials and legislators around the country to launch investigations of city and state employee pension funds. Criminal probes in some states are focusing on theft of pension funds and hidden conflicts of interest.

● The space shuttle Discovery has reached orbit with five astronauts on a long-duration mission to deploy a pair of satellites and to give crew members practice in spacewalking. The mission had been delayed five times since mid-July by engine trouble, booster trouble, launching-pad trouble, payload concerns and even a meteor shower. (AP, AP, NYT, LAT, WP)

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Off Track in Somalia

The news from Somalia isn't getting better, and neither are Washington's explanations of why U.S. and United Nations forces are killing so many Somalis.

punitive military operations against the Somali faction led by Mohammed Farrah Aidid. To put it crudely, international forces are killing Somalis, and they are not even doing so in the name of any legitimate or recognized Somali authority.

Next a Draw-Out and Dangerous Process

By Chaim Herzog

The writer was president of Israel from 1983 to last May.

TEL AVIV — It is too early to declare that we are facing one of the great moments of history. This has yet to be proved.

sands of Palestinians. In other words, who will truly control immigration policy? The main debate between Israel and the Palestinians in the discussions over the years on autonomy has been that Israel has adopted a functional approach while the Palestinians have insisted on a territorial approach.

Real peace is the hope, however remote, that inspires many today as Israel's leaders face one of the major tests since the establishment of the state.

up in the West Bank and Gaza were frequent, and despite the officially hostile relations many prominent Palestinians mingled freely in Israeli society.

Warning Shots in Miami

The story was shocking and the specific circumstances unusual. But did the slaying of another German tourist in Miami last week really warrant the universal attention it received?

granted. An obvious cause is the desperation of a jobless underclass, and Mr. Cisneros is right to say that "we either address these problems, or we will increasingly be engulfed by them."

It Couldn't Be Attempted Without Chairman Arafat

By Stephen S. Rosenfeld

WASHINGTON — The unlikely pair of Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres — vastly seasoned in high politics as well as politics, the one standing for strength with flexibility, the other for vision with strength — made the peace breakthrough for Israel.

dogma be structured into the basic terms of reference. With no promise that negotiations would eventually take the Palestinians to even a minimal political destination, deadlock quickly set in.

Racial Hatred Kills Again

A Florida jury convicted two white drifters last Tuesday of abducting Christopher Wilson, a black man from Brooklyn, robbing him and setting him on fire. The victim's testimony had been riveting. He was visiting the state as a tourist when he was kidnapped by complete strangers who poured gasoline over him and set him ablaze, burning 40 percent of his body.

aspect, took place decades apart. It is good that the Florida defendants were brought to justice and convicted. But that is not a reason for smug satisfaction, since to have done anything less would have been inconceivable in 1993.

Bosnia: Let's Hear the Low Countries

By Rolf Falter

BRUSSELS — Speaking at a session of the European Forum in Alpbach, Austria, on Aug. 27, the Belgian foreign minister, Willy Claes, devoted most of his address to a theory of political cleavage in Central and Eastern Europe.

omatic impotence in the Balkan war. Asked if UN troops in Bosnia and Croatia do not act as involuntary allies of the Serbs, Mr. van den Broek replied: "If you put UN troops here and there, you are quite sure you will never be able to intervene militarily."

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Be Careful, NAFTA Isn't Expendable

By Philip Bowring

WASHINGTON — Failure of the North American Free Trade Agreement would be more than a disappointing end to a grand idea, a move back to square one. The negative consequences of a failure by Congress to ratify the pact now might be as important as the positive benefits that its supporters promised.



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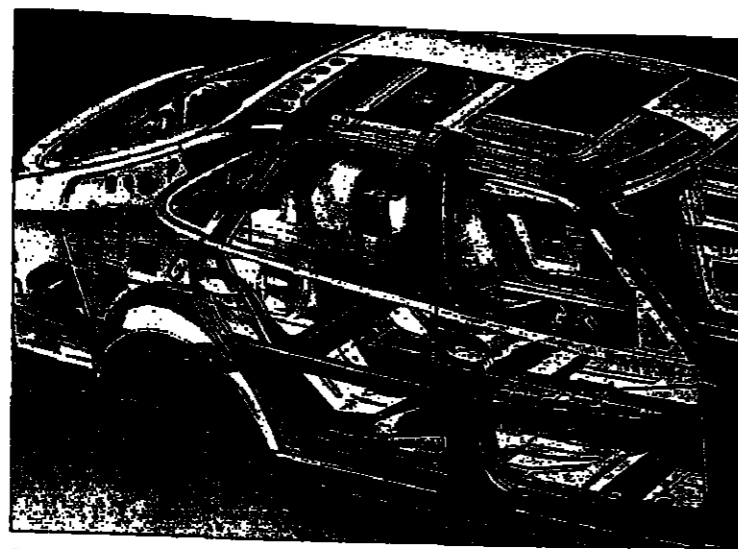
Shimon Peres observes no less realistically that in the five-year interim period the PLO must become a "purely political" organization, shorn of arms as well as of the rhetoric of arms in its charter.

1893: Risky Torpedoes LONDON — The success of the torpedo boats in destroying seven hostile vessels, in addition to two of their own side, the Melampus and Forth, is a notable contrast to the failure of the torpedo flotilla in the manoeuvres of 1891 and 1892.

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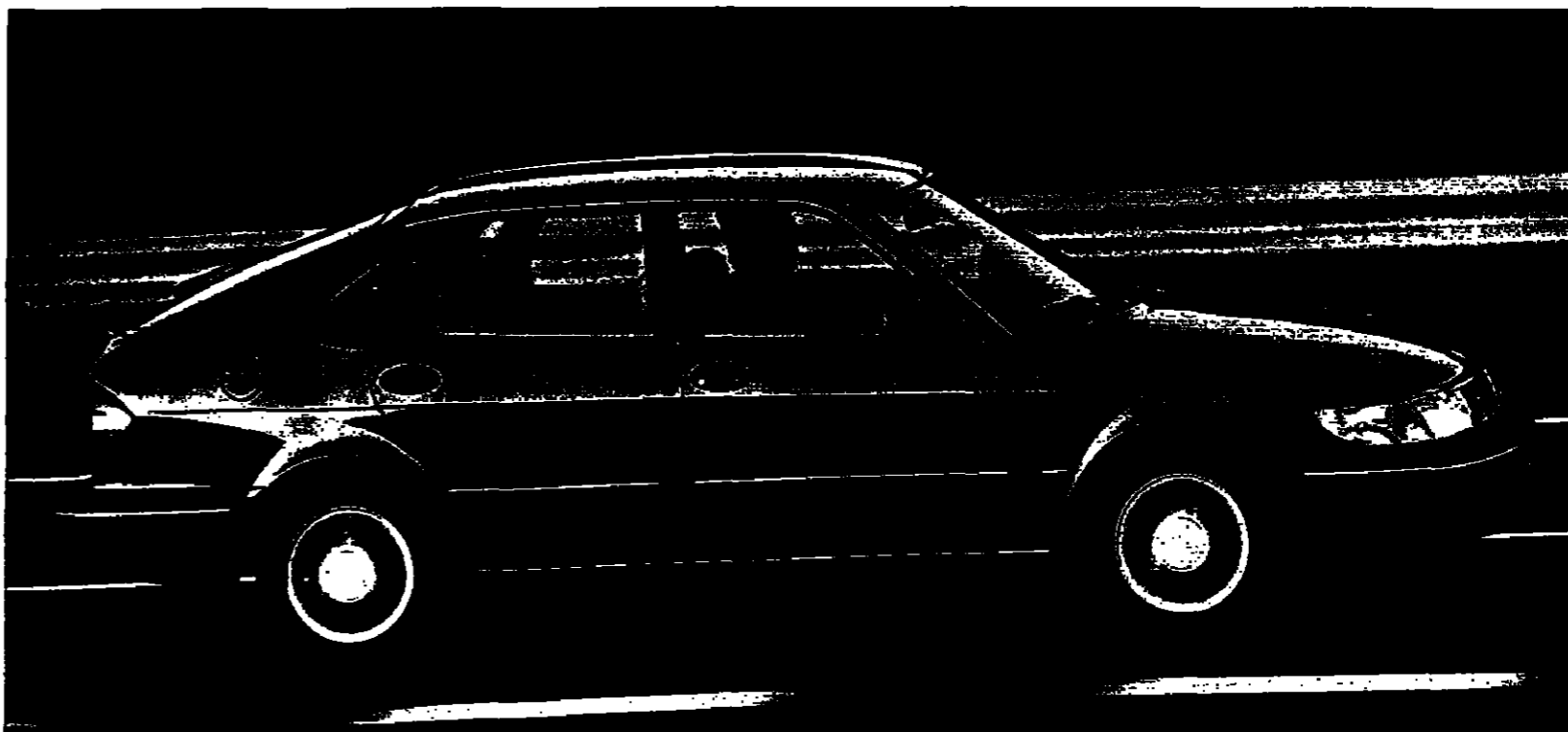
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REACHING FOR PEACE / SHOPPING FOR ARMS

Israeli Plan To Acquire Warplanes To Proceed

By John Mintz
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The Israeli government is discussing peace with its Arab neighbors, but it is proceeding with plans to buy combat aircraft valued at \$2 billion, in a deal that also is crucial to the two United States defense companies competing for it.

The Israelis say they believe that even if they reach peace agreements with the Palestinians — and possibly with Syria, Lebanon and Jordan — they still face hostile regimes in Iran, Iraq and Libya. Iran, among others, is developing long-range missiles that could be aimed at Tel Aviv.

Israel wants jets that can fly low to those lands in the dead of night, fire their missiles and return home without refueling, military experts said. Recent steps toward peace, such as Israel's and the Palestine Liberation Organization's agreement of mutual recognition, will not derail Israel's arms purchase plans, Israeli officials said.

"We're going forward with the peace process on the one hand," said a spokesman for the Israeli Embassy, "and with our security on the other."

Added an embassy official: "We're not going to disarm ourselves."

The Israelis are expected to make their selection in the next month, and it is a "must win" sale for the two U.S. companies, McDonnell Douglas Corp. and Lockheed Corp., industry officials said.

Two U.S. military services are in fierce competition in promoting their respective aircraft: The air force is marketing its F-16 jet, and the navy is pushing its F/A-18. Each service wants Israel to buy its jet because the increased foreign sales would lower the maker's unit costs, and perhaps reduce purchase prices for the Pentagon.

In addition to the U.S. government's paying for the Israeli purchase of 50 to 80 aircraft, the Israelis also insist that the winning company spend hundreds of millions of dollars — maybe \$1 billion — in Israel. Such side deals, known as "offsets," are common in global arms sales.

The talks are sensitive, and no party involved — the companies, the Defense Department, the Israelis — would comment publicly.

Washington has not stopped selling arms to Israel's Arab neighbors. Since the Gulf War, Saudi Arabia has bought \$20 billion in jets, tanks and missiles from the United States, for example.

The two-stage selection by the Israeli military and the prime minister had previously been scheduled for this month, and is not timed with the peace talks.

The talks are not prompting the Israelis to consider canceling the purchase, intended to replenish the Israeli Air Force's F-16s, F-4s and A-4s, some from the 1960s.



A Palestinian, right, attending a peace rally alongside Jewish women Sunday at Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's office in Jerusalem.

CLINTON: Saudi King Gives His Assurances of Support for Accord

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am signing this letter to Yasser Arafat? I fought him for decades."

Asked how he felt about playing host to Mr. Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, at the White House, Mr. Clinton said: "I guess I sort of feel the way Rabin does. I never thought I would be in this position, but then I never thought Arafat would be doing what he is doing."

"First of all, I would tell him that I think he has done the right thing and that he has given the next generation of Palestinian children a chance to have a normal life — that they don't have to grow up first throwing rocks in the intifada and then learning how to use guns and then wondering whether they could break more violence or endure it."

traffic can bear in Israel and in Syria," Mr. Clinton said. "And that is a function of how well this initial agreement is received in Israel. One of the things that I really hope to do, and I mean this in no way that I am trying to interfere in internal Israeli affairs, by hosting the event on Monday is to reassure the people of Israel that the United States is committed to their security — that we see this as a huge, emotional, psychological as well as practical step toward giving them a more normal life."

Mr. Clinton said he was most relieved by the willingness of King Fahd to support the Israel-PLO accord, despite the PLO's support for Iraq against Saudi Arabia in the Gulf War.

"I think he has very strong feelings about that Gulf War — very strong feelings about this," Mr. Clinton said. "I said to him: 'Your Majesty, you have been a great ally of the United States and a great force for peaceful resolution of this conflict for a long time. This is not like Camp David where the United States basically had to assume financial responsibility because of the interplay of world politics.' He said, 'You take the lead in organizing it and tell us what we're supposed to do.' But he said, 'I will be there.' He said, 'This is too important.' He said this is a huge deal."

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Palestinians' Economic Pill World Bank Puts Stress on Sound Policies

By Steven Greenhouse
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The World Bank and Gaza Strip could face a long economic slide, with political tensions continuing to fester, unless they receive large-scale foreign aid and adopt sound economic policies, the World Bank warns in a new report.

Describing a grim situation involving low per-capita income, inadequate sewage treatment, interruptions in electricity and a contaminated water supply, the World Bank said the West Bank and Gaza urgently need at least \$3 billion in aid over the next decade to improve schools and services.

"The economy of the Occupied Territories is currently in turmoil," the report said. "Income levels have stagnated over the past decade; unemployment and underemployment are rising rapidly; public infrastructure and social services are grossly overstretched."

The report, which was drafted over the past year and rushed to completion after the mutual recognition of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, said the Palestinian economy was at a crossroads now that Israel is about to agree to limited self-rule in Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho.

Thanks to high education levels and entrepreneurial flair, the Palestinian economy could be poised to expand, the World Bank said, but it could just as easily deteriorate if the new Palestinian administration adopts poor policies and receives little aid.

An important factor helping to fuel tensions, the report said, is that the impoverished Palestinians live in such proximity to Israel, which has a far higher standard of living.

In recent years, the economic problems in the occupied territories have been aggravated by the exclusion of many Palestinian workers from Israel as a result of attacks against Israelis, and from the Gulf states because of the PLO's support for Iraq in the Gulf War. This drying up of job opportunities, coupled with the fast population growth, could keep tensions high, the report said.

The World Bank undertook the report at the request of Israel, the Palestinians and other parties to the Middle East peace talks.

The report said the economy in the occupied territories is in a shambles because it has so little industry, its trade is so heavily dominated by Israel and its infrastructure is in such poor shape. There is just one phone for every 46 people and in the West Bank, only 80 of 400 villages even have telephone service. About 140 Palestinian villages have no electrical supply or a part-time supply, while a lack of waste-water treatment means that sewage is often discharged into streams.

The European Community gave broad backing on Sunday to an economic aid plan aimed at bolstering peace in the Middle East, and said it would invite the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, for consultations, Reuters reported from Alden Biesen, Belgium.

Foreign Minister Willy Claes of Belgium, who led informal talks among EC foreign ministers and who will attend the White House signing, announced that he would invite the PLO chairman to meet EC foreign ministers in Brussels.

Jacques Delors, president of the EC Commission, said that ministers had given broad support for a commission plan to aid the Israeli-occupied territories and to encourage EC-style regional economic cooperation.

In addition to a 500-million-Ecu (\$600 million), five-year plan that Mr. Delors said would be only for the occupied territories, Hans van den Broek, the external political affairs commissioner, said extra short-term aid of 20 million Ecus was planned this year for Jericho and the Gaza Strip.

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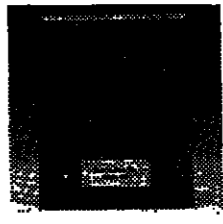
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CAPITAL MARKETS

First Banks, Now Funds Swamp the Dollar Sector

By Carl Gewirtz
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Money keeps pouring into dollar bonds despite a raging debate among analysts about whether yields, now at a 25-year low, are unsustainably cheap. At one end of the spectrum is Philip Braverman of DKB Securities Corp., U.S. economic slowdown and who expects stagnation to drive yields down to a range of 3-5.5 percent from the current level of just under 6 percent. At the other end stands J.P. Morgan & Co., whose economists believe the latest data give a misleading picture of economic frailty and expect the Federal Reserve to begin nudging up short-term interest rates before the end of the year.

A hardening of short rates, depending on how sudden and how much, could have a devastating effect on the bond market.

Banks around the world have had a unique opportunity to rebuild their balance sheets thanks to what has been an unusually steep yield curve in the United States. They have been paid to buy bonds as they had access to overnight funding at an annual cost of 3 percent when the yield on 30-year bonds was 7.4 percent. That's a profit of 4.4 percent just to hold the position. On top of that came the capital gain as bond yields tumbled to the current level of 5.87 percent and prices, which move inversely to yields, soared.

Although it's now less profitable than it used to be to ride the yield curve, it's still profitable. An idea of just how exposed banks are to an adverse change in the environment is provided by Fed data showing that U.S. banks' holdings of Treasury bonds exceed the volume of commercial loans, which not so long ago was the standard business of banks. A recent report by the Bank for International Settlements says that the banks of North America and Western Europe purchased more than half of the \$144 billion worth of securities floated in the international market during the first quarter of this year.

The BIS does not break down the data by currency, but the only other major currencies in which a profit could be made carrying long-term bonds — although less lucrative than in the U.S. market — were the yen, the pound and the Canadian dollar. Although Deutsche Bank does not break out its holdings by currency, the bank has reported an increase of almost 30 percent in its investment in fixed income securities during the first half of this year to a total equivalent to \$3.4 billion Deutsche marks (\$33.44 billion). A savvy New York banker reports that U.S. banks are now becoming more cautious, "walking home" holdings that mature and not replacing them. This, he says, is because short-dated paper is considered most vulnerable to a rise in money-market rates and the banks are thus less eager overall to increase their exposure to the dollar bond market.

Replacing the bank buyers, he says, is "a wall of money" moving

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THE TRIB INDEX

International Herald Tribune World Stock Index, composed of 230 Internationally Investable Stocks from 20 countries, compiled by Bloomberg Business News.

Week ending September 10, daily closings, Jan. 1992 = 100.

Industrial Sectors/Weekend close	9/10	9/9	% change
Energy	107.03	107.32	-0.27
Utilities	114.74	114.86	-0.10
Finance	118.59	121.16	-2.12
Services	117.08	117.92	-0.73
Capital Goods	103.37	104.70	-1.27
Raw Materials	104.95	107.12	-2.03
Consumer Goods	90.82	91.57	-0.60
Miscellaneous	111.84	110.47	+1.24

The index tracks U.S. dollar values of stocks in Tokyo, New York, London, and Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. In the case of Tokyo, New York and London, the index is composed of the 20 top issues in terms of market capitalization. In the remaining 17 countries, the ten top stocks are tracked.

CURRENCY RATES

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Cross Rates	1 U.S. Dollar =	100 Yen =	100 Swiss Francs =	100 Japanese Yen =
Australian dollar	1.78	110	1.48	110
British pound	1.78	110	1.48	110
Canadian dollar	1.33	85	1.10	85
Deutsche mark	1.93	125	1.60	125
French franc	6.55	420	5.40	420
Italian lira	2036	1280	1700	1280
New Zealand dollar	1.62	105	1.35	105
Portuguese escudo	200	125	165	125
Spanish peseta	166	105	135	105
Swedish krona	136	85	105	85
Swiss franc	1.93	125	1.60	125
Thai baht	50	320	40	320
Turkish lira	1.80	110	1.50	110
U.S. dollar	1.00	65	0.70	65
West German mark	1.93	125	1.60	125
Yen	110	100	85	100

CURRENCY RATES

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Forward Rates	30-day	60-day	90-day	120-day	150-day	180-day
British pound	1.78	1.78	1.78	1.78	1.78	1.78
Deutsche mark	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93
French franc	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55
Italian lira	2036	2036	2036	2036	2036	2036
New Zealand dollar	1.62	1.62	1.62	1.62	1.62	1.62
Portuguese escudo	200	200	200	200	200	200
Spanish peseta	166	166	166	166	166	166
Swedish krona	136	136	136	136	136	136
Swiss franc	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93
Thai baht	50	50	50	50	50	50
Turkish lira	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80
U.S. dollar	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
West German mark	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93
Yen	110	110	110	110	110	110

EC Backs Paris on Farm Pact

By Tom Buerkle
International Herald Tribune

ALDEN BIENEN, Belgium — France won crucial support from its EC allies over the weekend to try to win fresh concessions on agriculture from Washington, a development that heightened the risks of failure in the global trade negotiations and in Europe's own drive for greater unity.

Although stopping short of French demands to reopen negotiations on the so-called Blair House agreement on farm trade with the United States, the European Community ministers agreed to seek a compromise on interpreting the accord that would ease the impact of its curbs on subsidized farm exports, officials said.

The new backing for France at a meeting of EC foreign ministers set up a showdown on trade this week between the Community and the United States, which has said it would not consider renegotiation or reinterpretation of Blair House. Set-

ting that pact, in turn, is a requirement for concluding a global deal under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade this year.

Sir Leon Brittan, the EC trade commissioner, will meet Trade Representative Mickey Kantor in Washington on Monday. Trade also will be on the agenda when Jacques Delors, president of the EC Commission, and Willy Claes, Belgium's foreign minister, meet Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher.

"We will plead with the Americans for a certain flexibility," Mr. Claes said. "We will be looking at ways of interpreting and explaining the agreement, and even perhaps to negotiating an answer to some questions which have no answers in Blair House."

Alain Juppé, France's foreign minister, said he was encouraged by the support of his colleagues. "If the 12 say there is a problem and we must discuss it,

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The Currency Plot Thickens

By Carl Gewirtz
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — The French, now followed by the Belgians, won't stop talking about an Anglo-Saxon "plot" against European monetary union as the reason for the upset in the EC's exchange-rate mechanism.

The upset began a year ago this week with the forced withdrawal of the British pound and the Italian lira and culminated just over a month ago when the remaining participants were obliged to widen the accepted margin of fluctuation to a maximum 30 percent from the previous 4.5 percent.

However, what the French and Belgian authorities don't dwell on is the extent to which they are responsible for undermining their own currencies by courting international investors to buy domestic bonds. The data for France are illuminating. In a period where total tradable public debt increased just over 50 percent, nonresident holdings rose more than 1,000 percent.

More than 500 billion francs (\$88.5 billion) worth of French

public debt is estimated to be in foreign hands. Prudent hedging of this currency exposure would more than account for the estimated 300 billion francs the French central bank spent over the summer in trying to defend the old parameters of the ERM.

While courting foreign investors into the domestic bond market no doubt helped to contain the rise in interest rates as issuance increased, the French authorities were also

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China Delays Its Recall Of Loans

The Associated Press

BEIJING — After acknowledging that two-thirds of illegal interbank loans were not recalled by an Aug. 15 deadline, China has set a new deadline at the end of the year, an official newspaper said Sunday.

Many of the loans financed stock and real estate speculation that helped lead to soaring inflation. Banks recalled 72.7 billion yuan (\$12.75 billion) by Aug. 15.

The China Daily Business Weekly said the central bank recently ordered banks to make detailed plans for recalling the remaining illegal loans, which include money that went to nonbanking financial institutions, by the end of the year.

It said loans used in trading real estate, securities and foreign currencies must be recalled by the end of September, while the rest could be repaid later.

Recalling such loans is part of a two-month-old austerity program to cool the economy. In addition to measures to tighten credit, the austerity plan includes a ban on car purchases by government agencies.

China's auto plants sold 89,100 vehicles in July, down from 110,400 in March, and prices also were dropping.

Indosuez to Slash Staff At W.I. Carr in Tokyo

By Peter Starr
Agence France-Press

TOKYO — Banque Indosuez has decided to severely cut back the operations of its securities unit in Japan, W.I. Carr (Overseas) Ltd., eliminating at least 70 jobs, company sources said over the weekend.

The sources said Indosuez was also planning to shut down its bank branch in Osaka.

Indosuez reported on Friday in Paris that its six-month results this year had rebounded after a poor performance due to bad real estate loans in the year-earlier period. But the bank remains under pressure to trim its unprofitable businesses.

The reorganization of the troubled securities subsidiary in Tokyo follows major trading losses in the morose Japanese stock market.

The decision was conveyed to staff on Friday by Jean Cheval, a visiting executive of Carr and of Indosuez, and is expected to be announced in Paris this week.

Under the plan, the Japanese branch, which has around 100 people in Tokyo in addition to about a dozen in London and New York, will slash its Japanese equity business for international clients, wiping out the entire research team, the sources said.

A source at Banque Indosuez, who also asked not to be named, said one of the main reasons behind the scaling down of this business was the lack of market share.

"It has never been more than 1 percent and I don't think there's

any hope of it going above 1 percent," he said.

The branch will also refocus its trading and distribution of Japanese equity derivatives and over-the-counter products but will continue offering foreign securities to Japanese investors, including stocks from Southeast Asia, where W.I. Carr has a major presence.

Most of the losses at Carr's Tokyo operation were incurred in trading, apparently in arbitrage between the stock and futures markets, rather than agency activities such as sales and research, which were almost breaking even, sources said.

W.I. Carr was ranked the No. 1 securities company in terms of arbitrage transactions as recently as the first week of July, accounting for 32 percent of all deals during the period.

The fall of Carr, which once had one of the most respected research teams among foreign brokers in Tokyo, coincides with a decision to shut down Indosuez's London securities operation Carr Kitkat & Aitken on Friday.

Company sources said the Japanese unit was likely to keep its seats on both the Tokyo Stock Exchange and the Osaka Securities Exchange but were unsure of how many people would be retained to keep the skeletal operation running.

One senior manager said that between 70 and 90 people were expected to be laid off.

The Tokyo office refused to make any official comment.

Kuok to Pay \$350 Million For Stake in Morning Post

By Kevin Murphy
International Herald Tribune

HONG KONG — Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., after a delay of more than a week, announced Sunday the terms of its sale of control over the South China Morning Post, a smaller transaction than originally expected.

News Corp. will sell 34.9 percent of SCMP (Holdings) Ltd. to a company backed by the Malaysian-Chinese tycoon, Robert Kuok. He had been the rumored buyer since the Murdoch empire announced Sept. 3 that it was in negotiations over its stake.

But News will retain a 15.1 percent holding in SCMP (Holdings), publisher of the English-language Morning Post and Chinese-language Wah Kin Yat Po. Under Hong Kong Stock Exchange rules, any purchase of more than 35 percent would have forced Kerry Media to make an offer for all the stock. The smaller transaction will raise \$349 million for News Corp., less than the \$500 million figure that had been rumored for the full News Corp. stake.

Still, Kuok interests will have control, and a change of hands for a newspaper identified with Hong Kong's colonial establishment to an owner with extensive business ties to China will raise questions about the newspaper's future editorial and business plans, analysts said.

"Without some clarification from the new owner about the direction it wants to take, some people may be disappointed," said Kirk Sweeney, research head with Lehman Brothers Asia Ltd., who judged the price, 5.17 Hong Kong dollars (67 U.S. cents) a share, "fair value" despite its 3.3 percent discount to SCMP's last closing price.

The stock has been suspended since Sept. 3, and the colony's market regulator on Friday had expressed impatience with News Corp. for the delay in announcing price and details of the sale.

The announcement came on the same day the company's Sunday Morning Post carried a front page retraction of a story it published three weeks ago alleging widespread

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Berlin Notebook

Waiting for the 'Fat Man'

Some Quit the City as Government Drags Its Feet

Patience is growing short in the German capital over seemingly endless discussions that threaten to delay indefinitely the government's move from Bonn.

Although parliament voted in 1991 to move most of the German government to Berlin, a date for the move has never been set. Optimistic expectations of a move by 1995 have given way to talk of 1998, and lately, of 2008 as the cost of German unification pinches the government's budget.

Many are getting tired of waiting. Almost half of the Japanese companies that flocked to the capital amid the euphoria of German unification are now saying *separano*. Nonura Securities Co., the big investment house, announced it was leaving in July and Sony Corp., which planned to build a new European headquarters on Potsdamer Platz, recently said it would delay construction by two years or more. Local officials say others will follow suit if a moving date is not set soon. About one-third of Berlin's 150 banks, including many foreigners, arrived after German unification.

"We need the fat man," said one Berlin banker, referring to Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who weighs in at 118 kilograms (260 pounds). Berliner Bank, the capital's biggest bank, has estimated that a 10-year delay in the government's move would cost the region 21.7 billion Deutsche marks (\$13.5 billion) and 21,700 jobs.

Beyond the immediate economic effects, the delay will inevitably reinforce perceptions that Bonn is provincial and out of touch, many Berliners say. "If they had been here three years ago, they'd have seen the lunacy of staying unification would go quickly and pay for itself," said Jochen Zimmermann, a vice president at Berliner Bank.

A Stock to Bank On?

One sure winner in the city, regardless of the outcome of the moving and Olympics decisions, is Berliner Bank, analysts say.

The bank's stock was among the first to profit from investments pegged to German unification and has risen 43 percent since July 5, when its shareholders decided to join ranks with three other Berlin banks to become Germany's 10th-biggest financial institution.

A Matchmaker, of Sorts

The Treuhanderanstalt, which has managed East Germany's bumpy transition to a market economy, is almost finished with its work. It has already closed some regional privatization offices and Horst Föhr, a board member, said it was discussing its successors with Bonn.

Long after the last company is sold, the Treuhander's successors will be busy making sure investors fulfill their promises and financial losses attributable to the government are minimized. Mr. Föhr predicted Treuhander would be 270 billion DM in debt when it shuts down next year.

Despite the Treuhander's high profile, a recent survey found that 30 percent of West Germans and 20 percent of East Germans were not sure what it is. Among their responses: a matchmaking service, a bank, and a government print-shop.

East Is East, West Is West

Unification blues are evident in a bad joke making the rounds in Berlin. An Ossi, or East German, tells a West German, "We are one nation!" The West German answers: "So are we."

Brandon Mitchener

Waiting for the Thin Men

As if waiting for Bonn were not enough, Berlin has also been agonizing for months over whether it will be chosen to host the Olympic Games in the year 2000.

"The government is more important, but if we got the Olympics, that would also help solve a lot of the region's infrastructure problems," said Volker Winde, a spokesman for Berliner Bank.

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1. Presentation of the Report of the Board of Directors.
2. Presentation of the Report of the Auditor.
3. Approval of the balance sheet and income statement for the fiscal year ended May 31, 1993.
4. Discharge of the Board of Directors and the Auditor.
5. Election of six (6) Directors, specifically the re-election of Messrs. Edward C. Johnson 3d, Barry R.J. Bateman, Charles T.M. Collis, Charles A. Fraser, Jean Hamillins and H.F. van den Hoven, being all of the present Directors.
6. Election of the Auditor, specifically the election of Coopers & Lybrand, Luxembourg.
7. Declaration of a cash dividend in respect of the fiscal year ended May 31, 1993, and authorization of the Board of Directors to declare further dividends in respect of fiscal year 1993 if necessary to enable the Fund to qualify for "distributable" status under United Kingdom tax law.
8. Proposal, recommended by the Board of Directors, to amend Article 16 of the Fund's Articles of Incorporation in its entirety, principally in order to delete the specific limitations in the nature of investment safeguards and to delete the description of certain of the powers of the Board of Directors set forth therein and to substitute more general language in order to provide greater discretion to the Board of Directors in determining the Fund's investment safeguards and permissible investments, and to describe more generally the Board's authority to manage the Fund's business, subject to the requirements of Luxembourg law and regulation. Copies of Article 16 as proposed to be amended may be obtained from the Fund at its registered office in Luxembourg and are being mailed to all registered shareholders with this Notice of Meeting.
9. Consideration of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Approval of items 1 through 7 of the agenda will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present or represented at the meeting with no minimum number of shares present or represented in order for a quorum to be present.

Approval of item 8 of the Agenda will require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the shares present or represented at the Meeting at which a majority of the outstanding shares must be present or represented; if a quorum is not present, then at an adjourned session of the Meeting. Approval of item 8 shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the shares present or represented at the Meeting with no minimum number of shares present or represented in order for a quorum to be present.

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Dated: August 31, 1993

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

New International Bond Issues

Compiled by Laurence Desvillettes

Table with columns: Issuer, Amount (millions), Mat., Coup. %, Price, Price and week, Terms. Includes sections for Floating Rate Notes, Fixed-Coupons, and Equity-Linked.

Northrop to Close California Plant

By James F. Peltz
LOS ANGELES — Northrop Corp. plans to close its B-2 bomber plant in the Los Angeles suburb of Pico Rivera, probably in 1997...

Still Lower Yields in Sight?

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches
NEW YORK — How low can yields go? Lower, is the answer from many analysts of the U.S. Treasury bond market.

In responses to questions from the Senate Banking Committee published last week, the Federal Reserve Board chairman, Alan Greenspan, said low short-term interest rates eventually would have to rise.

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pects of low inflation and moderate economic growth in 1994. The DLI economists differed from those at Goldman, Sachs, however, about the course of short-term rates. The DLI team said the yield curve, or the difference between short- and long-term rates, would further flatten, as short rates are likely to be "anchored for a protracted period by unchanged monetary policy."

Moldova Privatizes 3 Building Sites

The Associated Press
KISHINEV, Moldova — Moldova sold three unfinished construction projects to private builders on Saturday, launching a privatization drive that officials hope will save its economy.

The Week Ahead: World Economic Calendar, Sept. 13 - 18

Table listing economic events for Sept. 13-18 across various regions: Asia-Pacific, Europe, Americas, and others.



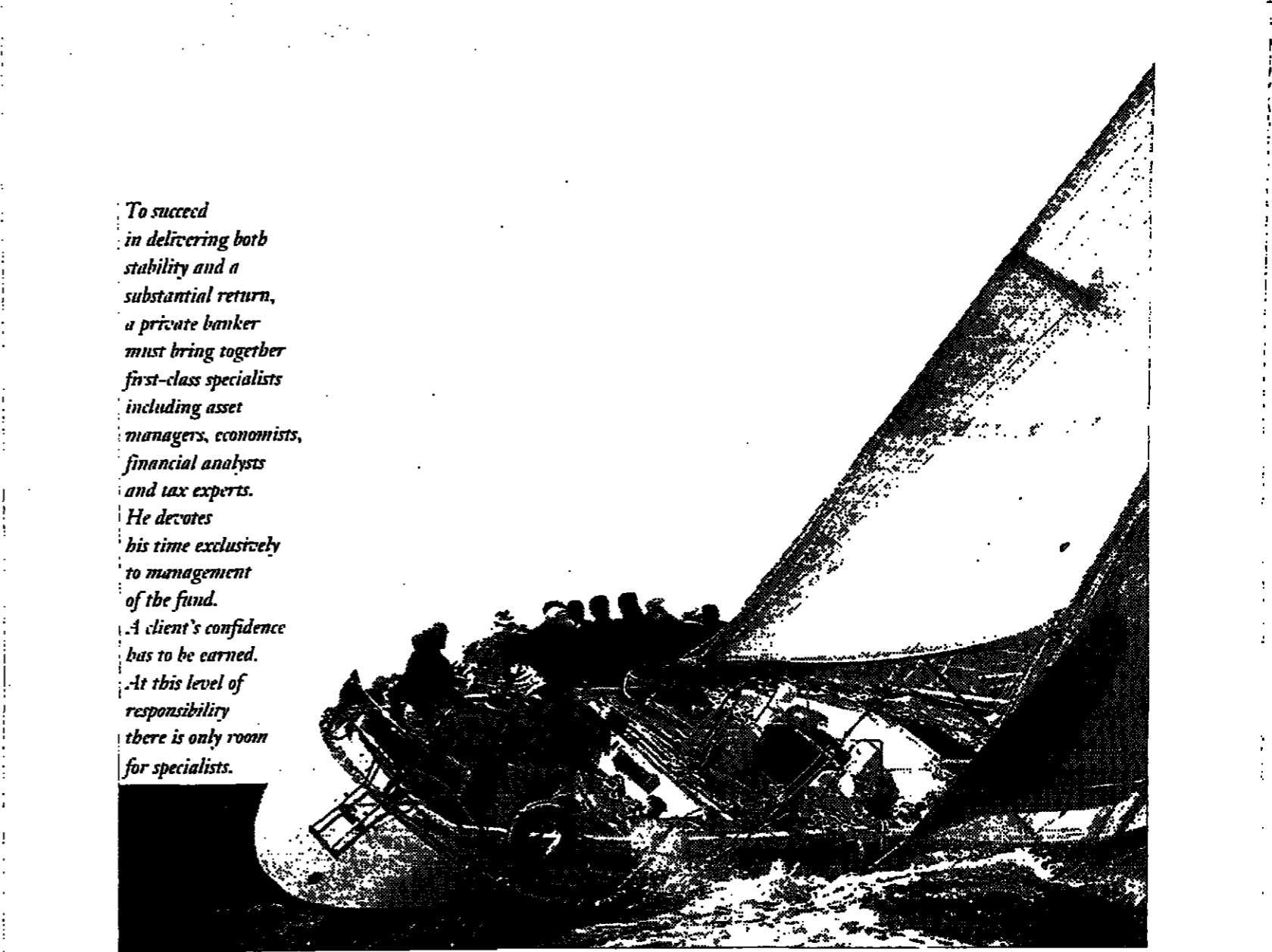
BONDS: Mutual Funds Move In as Banks Leave Off

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out of the low-interest banking sector and money-market instruments into bond mutual funds, which now have under management about \$550 billion, nearly the same amount as in equity mutual funds.

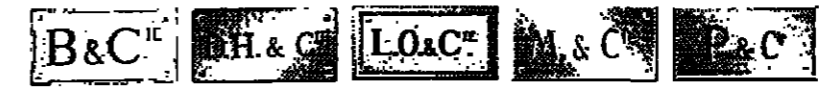
PLOT: How the French Contributed to Currency Crisis

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inadvertently putting the currency at risk by encouraging the internationalization of the market. This is shown from the latest data reported by the International Swap Dealers Association. Its report for total activity last year shows that total currency swaps outstanding at year-end had risen a relatively modest 6 percent to the equivalent of \$840 billion.

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MONDAY SPORTS BASEBALL

Chavez Escapes Defeat By Whitaker in Draw Decision by 2 Judges

By Gerald Eskenazi
SAN ANTONIO, Texas — When Pernell Whitaker looked at himself in the mirror Sunday morning, he still knew he had won, that he had defeated the symbol of perfection, Julio Cesar Chavez and his 87-0 record.

Yet in an Alamodome that grew muted with each Whitaker flurry, Chavez had escaped before the largest indoor crowd in boxing history, a gathering of about 65,000. He escaped through something called a majority draw, an oddity of a decision even for this most confusing of sports. Two of the three judges voted for the draw, with the third judge voting for Whitaker.

"I'm the best fighter in the world, and that's pound for pound," said Whitaker on Saturday, basking in the victory the night before that he, and probably a majority of those who saw the bout, felt he deserved.

His draw was the second on the championship tripleheader. In the first bout, Azumah Nelson of Ghana retained the WBC featherweight title, although it had originally been announced as a split decision for the hometown hero, Jesse James Leija. Then it was discovered that the card of the Belgian judge Daniel Van Del Wiehe had been added incorrectly. Instead of favoring Nelson, by 116-115, he had it 115-115.

In a super welterweight bout, Terry Norris of the United States knocked down Joe Gatti twice in the first round and stopped him at 1:28 to retain the WBC title.

When Whitaker went back to his hotel room early Saturday, he told his wife, Rowanda, it was time for him to quit. He was on top of the world, he explained, which is a nice way to go out.

Chavez, though, wants Whitaker to stick around. It was Chavez, resulting in the ring as if he had won, who asked for a rematch — as if he had lost. It was Chavez, usually the personification of what passes for class in this crazy sport, who complained afterward that Whitaker had grabbed his left hand during the fight, that Whitaker hit low.

It was an uncharacteristic post-fight performance for Chavez, idol of Mexico and a five-time world champion who was attempting to

wrest away Whitaker's WBC welterweight title. Because the fight was a draw, Whitaker retained the title. But his handlers were upset with the verdict and trashed the WBC, the sanctioning body they contend is controlled Don King, who is also Chavez's promoter.

For this fight, Chavez earned \$5 million, about double Whitaker's take. He had threatened earlier in the week to throw away the guarantee, and quit the match, after he learned that one of the judges called a majority draw, and that none of them would be Mexican.

That American, Jack Woodruff, turned out to be the one who voted for Whitaker, 115-113. Judges Mickey Vann of England and Franz Marti of Switzerland each scored it 115-115.

"See, they got their American judge, so what are they complaining about?" King asked after the decision.

Leu Duva, one of Whitaker's managers, had a different view. "That's why we wanted an American," he said. "He's a local guy. He was straight."

In fact, the judges may have been as surprised as anyone by what unfolded. Whitaker's game plan allowed Chavez to move forward, the style that had damaged so many opponents' vital organs.

But as Chavez advanced, the left-handed Whitaker would slide ever so slightly sideways, and Chavez would miss, or hit Whitaker's elbow or shoulder. Or hit low. And in response, Whitaker would toss off a burst of punches.

"My middle knuckle hurts from hitting him in the nose so many times," Whitaker chortled Saturday, pointing to his right hand.

While most observers, and, more importantly, Chavez, thought Whitaker would run when stalked, the opposite often occurred. For Duva had told Whitaker that the way to get Chavez was on the inside.

"Most people run from him, and they get nailed," Duva said. "We let him come, and then we got in close and he couldn't figure it out." As a result, Whitaker still shows a record with only one real blemish, a disputed loss to Jose Luis Ramirez. Over all, he is 32-1-1. And while Chavez still is unbeaten, his 87-0-1 record doesn't have the same cachet that it did.



Toronto's Joe Carter got hit by a pitch, but he slammed another one for a three-run home run in a 9-5 victory over California.

Jays Go 2 Ahead of Yankees

The Toronto Blue Jays completed a three-game sweep Sunday as Paul Molitor's three-run homer broke a fifth-inning scoreless tie in a 4-1 victory against the California Angels in Toronto.

The first-place Blue Jays lost a three-game series at Anaheim last weekend, and lost three in a row at home before finally winning Friday. Toronto starts a two-game series in Detroit on Tuesday.

The victory moved the Blue Jays two games ahead of the New York Yankees, who lost 10-2 in Kansas City on Sunday.

The homer, Molitor's 19th, matched his career-high set in 1982, and gave the 37-year-old designated hitter 400 RBIs for the first time in his 16-year career.

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Devon White then reached base when shortstop Rod Corrao's throw pulled first baseman J. T. Snow off the bag, setting up Molitor's three-run shot on the next pitch.

Dave Stewart (9-3), forced to leave after re-aggravating his right groin, which he pulled on Aug. 26, allowed one run on four hits in 6 1/2 innings for the victory.

Royals 10, Yankees 2: Tom Gordon pitched an eight-inner to help the Royals rout New York. The Yankees, who start a three-game series Monday at Milwaukee, have lost five of their last six games.

Gordon walked two and struck out five to end a personal three-game losing streak against the Yankees. It was the 10th complete game

of his career and second this season. The Yankees spoiled Gordon's shutout bid when Paul O'Neill and Jim Leyritz hit home runs in the ninth inning.

Red Sox 11, Indians 1: Tim Lincecum capped a great weekend with four more RBIs and Nate Minkley won his major-league debut as Boston triumphed in Cleveland for a split of the four-game series.

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In Saturday's games: Blue Jays 9, Angels 5: Joe Carter hit a three-run homer in a seven-run first inning, and the Blue Jays then hung on to beat the California in Toronto.

Toronto had stopped its longest losing streak of the season at six games and moved back into sole possession of first place by beating California on Friday as New York lost to the Royals.

On Saturday, Rickey Henderson and Devon White reached base on consecutive walks in the first and Paul Molitor scored Henderson with a double. Carter then hit his 30th homer on an 0-1 pitch from Hilly Hathaway.

John Olerud hit his major-league-leading 49th double and Roberto Alomar reached base on an error before Tony Fernandez stroked a run-scoring single.

Pat Borders grounded into a double play to score Alomar, and Henderson capped the inning with an RBI single off reliever Doug Linton.

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Chris Hoiles homered as Baltimore ended visiting Oakland's upset run.

White Sox 3, Tigers 1: Frank Thomas, the major-league RBI leader, drove in two runs with a homer and a single and Wilson Alvarez pitched eight innings of three-hit ball, leading Chicago past visiting Detroit.

The White Sox remained 3 1/2 games in front of Texas.

Rangers 7, Twins 4: Rafael Palmeiro hit his 35th homer and drove in three runs, and the Rangers beat Minnesota in Arlington, Texas, for their sixth straight victory.

Texas matched its longest winning streak of the season and won for the 15th time in 20 games. Dave Winfield, needing four hits to reach 3,000, did not play for Minnesota. He is not expected to start Sunday when Nolan Ryan pitches for Texas.

Indians 9, Red Sox 3: Jim Thome hit a two-run double and Candy Maldonado a two-run homer during a seven-run eighth as the Indians rallied past Boston in Cleveland. The loss was Boston's eighth in the last 11 games.

Mariners 7, Brewers 3: Randy Johnson struck out eight to increase his major-league-leading total to 262 and scattered six hits in 7 1/2 innings as Seattle won in Milwaukee.

Braves Shoot by Giants for Game Lead in NL West

When the Atlanta Braves left San Diego on Sunday night, it appeared likely that they would take the National League West lead home with them. Only one more game against the lowly Padres stood in their way.

Ron Gant hit a three-run home run, his 33d, and matched his career high with six RBIs as the torrid Braves beat the Padres, 13-1, on Saturday night for a one-game lead over the San Francisco Giants.

The Braves, who trailed the Giants by 10 games on July 22, have won five straight, and 26 of 31 games. They have also won six straight against the Padres.

Atlanta moved into sole possession of first place earlier in the day when the Giants lost, 3-1, to the St. Louis Cardinals. It was the first

time Atlanta had been alone in the lead since April 13.

Gant hit a sacrifice fly in the fifth and a two-run, bases-loaded single in the eighth, then homered to center with two outs in the ninth on a 3-2 pitch from Rudy Seanez, the

percentage points as the Giants fell to the Cardinals, 6-2, and the Braves won, 3-2.

Cardinals 3, Giants 1: With the Giants leading 1-0, Ozzie Smith and Gregg Jefferies led off the fourth with walks and Todd Zeile hit a 3-2 pitch to the wall in left-center field for a two-run double off struggling Bill Swift in San Francisco.

The Giants have lost four straight games, and 11 of their last 17. They outbit the Cardinals, 12-6, but lost to them for the third straight day.

In Sunday's games: Expos 3, Reds 2: Larry Walker singled in the winning run with the bases loaded in the ninth, and the Expos continued their torrid run by beating Cincinnati in Montreal for their sixth straight victory. The Expos, who trailed NL East-

leading Philadelphia by 14 1/2 games Aug. 20, won for the 15th time in 16 games. Montreal has gained 9 1/2 games in 24 days.

The Expos loaded the bases against Scott Service (2-1) with one out in the ninth. Marquis Grissom singled before walks to Orestes Marrero and Moises Alou. Walker greeted reliever Kevin Wickander with his hit to right field.

Rockies 4, Pirates 3: In Pittsburgh, Al Martin's home run in the bottom of the ninth gave Pittsburgh the victory over Colorado, enabling the Pirates to break a six-game losing streak against the Rockies.

Mets 5, Cubs 0: Sid Fernandez pitched a four-hitter for his first complete game and shutout, and Eddie Murray had a homer and three RBIs as New York beat visiting Chicago to end a season-high eight-game losing streak.

Starter Anthony Young fell to 1-16 this season with the loss.

Astros 4, Phillies 1: Mark Portugal overcame early wildness to win his ninth straight decision, and Steve Finley drove in three runs for Houston in Philadelphia.

Portugal, who also drove in the tying run, allowed three hits in 8 1/2 innings, struck out seven and walked five.

Rockies 3, Pirates 2: Ficher Kent Botfield had three hits and drove in two runs as visiting Colorado beat Pittsburgh for the sixth straight time.

Botfield had three singles to help the Rockies win for the eighth time in 11 games against the Pirates.

Expos 4, Reds 2: In Montreal, hometown favorite Denis Boucher pitched well; to get his first NL victory for the rampaging Expos.

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MONDAY SPORTS COLLEGE FOOTBALL

With Visitors' Irish Up, No. 3 Michigan Goes Down

By Malcolm Moran

New York Times Service

ANN ARBOR, Michigan — The Gipper never had to answer questions on television news shows. Knut Rockne never heard a question about steroids. Lou Holtz's role in the recent history of Notre Dame football is subject to praise, criticism, debate and outrage. But somehow, even as the workings are examined, the link to the past endures.

The coach of the Fighting Irish went for a brief ride Saturday after No. 11 Notre Dame's surprisingly complete 27-23 victory over No. 3 Michigan, a game in which quarterback Kevin McDougal, in just his second start, displayed a sense of purpose and elusiveness that frustrated the Wolverines and the largest crowd to see a regular-season game in National Collegiate Athletic Association history.

McDougal, a senior, threw for 208 yards without an interception and ran for 66, including touchdowns of 43 and 11 yards. The Notre Dame defense forced Michigan quarterback Todd Collins into three interceptions — two by safety Jeff Burris. The crowd of 106,851 at Michigan Stadium began to boo the conservative approach of the Wolverines as early as the second

quarter. In the final minutes, during an unsuccessful comeback attempt, many of the fans in blue had turned their backs on the team to take the long walk up the aisles.

McDougal's 43-yard touchdown came on an option play. His arm strength helped establish a 17-point third-quarter lead, and his touch was essential when the Wolverines began to come back.

McDougal's elusiveness became the factor Michigan could neither prepare for or cope with. His ability, which may not have been enough to make him a starter had freshman Ron Powless not broken a collarbone a week before the season, was aided by Holtz's willingness to take chances in the first half.

As the Notre Dame program faced the questions raised by the book "Under The Tarnished Dome," Holtz called up an inspiration he has used before. "He just made it evident to us," said line-backer Pete Berich. "That these are the formative years of your life. How you act now is going to reflect on you the rest of your life and will tell what kind of man you're going to become."

The unhappy Michigan fans

seemed to think the difference was a matter of strategy. Their boos sometimes filled the stadium as Michigan ended a 20-game regular-season unbeaten streak.

Starting with the first play from scrimmage, a defensive-encroachment penalty against the Wolverines, and the end of the first drive, a 43-yard touchdown by McDougal on an option run to the left, the Irish combined imagination, initiative and execution.

McDougal's run, the longest of his career, forced Michigan to respect the possibility of the option becoming a danger. And after the Wolverines were forced to settle for a 32-yard field goal by Peter Elezovic, following a sack of Collins by blitzing Irish cornerback Bobby Taylor, Notre Dame compounded Michigan's problems.

In other games, The Associated Press reported: No. 1 Florida St. 57, No. 21 Clemson 0; Charlie Ward passed for 317 yards and four TDs in three quarters, handing the visiting Tigers their worst defeat in 62 years.

The Seminoles have outscored their first three opponents 144-7, the best start in school history. No. 2 Alabama 17, Vanderbilt 6; In Nashville, Tennessee, Jay Barker was 16-for-20 for 279 yards as the Crimson Tide stretched their winning streak to 25 games.

No. 17 Oklahoma 44, No. 5 Texas A&M 14; Cale Gundy accounted for three touchdowns in Norman, Oklahoma, as the Sooners beat a team ranked in the top five for the first time since defeating No. 1 Nebraska in the final game of the 1987 season.

No. 8 Tennessee 38, No. 22 Georgia 6; Heath Shuler was 21-

for-26 for 184 yards and three touchdowns passes to Cory Fleming as the Volunteers won at home.

No. 9 Nebraska 50, Texas Tech 27; In Lincoln, Nebraska, Damon Benning, a redshirt freshman filling in for injured running back Calvin Jones, rushed for 127 yards and two touchdowns in his first start.

No. 10 Colorado 45, No. 24 Baylor 21; Wide receiver Charles Johnson scored three first-half touchdowns and Kordell Stewart was 14-for-18 for 221 yards by halftime in Boulder, Colorado.

No. 14 North Carolina 59, Maryland 42; Jason Stanick was 14-for-17 for 288 yards and two TDs in the first half as the Tar Heels took a 38-21 lead in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. North Carolina ran up 714

yards, breaking the school mark of 675 against VMI in 1969.

No. 15 Penn State 21, Southern Cal 20; Brian O'Neal scored twice on short runs and the Nittany Lions' offense pressured the visiting Trojans' Rob Johnson into a bad pass on a last-minute 2-point conversion try.

No. 18 North Carolina State 34, Wake Forest 16; Eddie Goines set a school receiving record with 207 yards as the Wolfpack defeated the visiting Demon Deacons for the sixth straight time.

Goines caught scoring passes of 55 and 75 yards, which helped break the yardage mark of 187 set by Naz Worthen in 1986 against Maryland.

SIDELINES

Marseille Blanked Again, on Field

PARIS (Reuters) — Marseille's traumatic week, which saw the European champion out, then in, then out of the European Cup again, ended tamely on the field on Saturday when Olympique failed to score in a 0-0 draw in Toulouse.

Sepp Blatter, UEFA's general secretary, told the sports daily l'Equipe that France came very close to being suspended from international soccer before Olympique's owner, Bernard Tapie, backed down Friday.

FIFA's president, Joao Havelange, had already signed letters setting in motion the process to suspend France and wanted to send them, Blatter said, before Tapie ended the confrontation by abandoning legal action to get his club reinstated to the European Cup.

"We would have carried out our threats," Blatter said. "French clubs would not have been able to play the European cups and the French national team would not have played its next World Cup game."

Bubka and Farmer-Patrick Win Titles

LONDON (AP) — Pole vaulter Sergei Bubka and hurdler Sandra Farmer-Patrick have won the IAAF Grand Prix overall titles, each getting a record \$130,000 in prize money.

Bubka cleared 6.05 meters (19 feet, 10 1/2 inches) to win the pole vault and edge javelin thrower Jan Zelezný for the men's top prize.

Farmer-Patrick beat world champion Sally Gunnell in the 400-meter hurdles in the last race of the night to overtake 1,500-meter runner Sonia O'Sullivan, for the women's title.

Arne Ljungqvist, head of the IAAF's medical committee, said in Stockholm that a new method developed to detect blood doping appears to be the "breakthrough we have been looking for two years."

For the Record

Boris Becker's girlfriend, Barbara Felts, is expecting the couple's first child in mid-January; Becker told German reporters at the U.S. Open in New York that he and Felts will be married soon. (AP)

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

Major League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Toronto	50	43	.537
New York	47	46	.505
Baltimore	46	47	.495
Detroit	44	49	.473
Cleveland	37	56	.396
Milwaukee	31	62	.331
West Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Chicago	57	45	.559
Kansas City	52	48	.519
California	43	57	.429
Oakland	37	63	.365

FOOTBALL

Major College Scores

EAST			
Team	Score	Team	Score
Army	30	Colgate	0
Assumption	24	Siena	6
Boston College	27	St. Joseph's	14
Connecticut	24	New Hampshire	20
Delaware	42	William & Mary	35
Duquesne	16	Catholic	12
Indiana	34	Sacred Heart	10
Lafayette	31	Bucknell	14
Marist	24	Franklin & Marshall	10
Massachusetts	37	Holy Cross	7
New Haven	26	Buffalo	6
North Carolina	31	Wake Forest	10
Rutgers	29	Duke	28
St. John's	21	Peter's	28
Towson	42	Connecticut	31
Virginia Tech	43	Pittsburgh	21
Wagner	27	C.W. Post	7
SOUTH			
Team	Score	Team	Score
Alabama	34	Georgia	14
Alabama	17	Vanderbilt	6
Alabama	44	Texas Southern	41
Auburn	35	Southern	17
Austin Peay	28	Knoxville	17
Baylor	34	Tennessee	17
Florida	25	Virginia	30
Georgia Southern	17	Prestonbury	16
Georgia Tech	41	Marshall	12
Mississippi State	24	Murray State	12
North Carolina	24	Miami	10
Florida A&M	21	Carolina	17
South Carolina	21	South Carolina	17
Georgia Southern	14	Chattanooga	6
Georgia Tech	37	Furman	14
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Cards Take Out Rypien and Skins

The Associated Press The Phoenix Cardinals were on their way to knocking off the Redskins on Sunday when they knocked Washington quarterback Mark Rypien from the game to clinch a 17-10 victory in Washington.

The Saints (2-0) built their big lead behind Wade Wilson, who started for the Falcons late last season in his most recent previous appearance in the Georgia Dome.

NFL ROUNDUP

Conklin. But all they could do was cut the Cardinals' 17-0 halftime lead to 17-10.

Giants 23, Buccaneers 7: Phil Simms threw a touchdown pass and set up a short TD run by Rodney Hampton with his longest pass in three years as the Giants jumped on Tampa Bay early en route to victory in Dan Reeves's regular-season coaching debut for the home team at Giants Stadium.

Oilers 30, Chiefs 0: With Kansas City (1-1) grounded by the loss of Joe Montana with an injury to the Oilers defense teed off on backup Dave Krieg in Houston.



Steffi Graf after sixth straight title: "I still have a lot of fire in me, and that's what keeps me going."

Graf Blows By Sukova To Win Women's Title

By Robin Finn New York Times Service FLUSHING MEADOWS, New York — First she ordered out for blueberry pastries, then she strolled onto the wind-whipped Stadium Court wearing her favorite hairnet.

said Graf, whose confidence, motivation and technical smarts have again achieved a harmony that had evaded her in the last few years since she captured her "Golden Grand Slam" in 1988.

In contrast to her challenger, she was a cool customer. After making a hobby of collecting Grand Slam titles — she now has 14 — Steffi Graf was far from anxious as she went about the business of defeating 12th-seeded Helena Sukova, 6-3, 6-3 in their lopsided U.S. Open final on Saturday.

Without Seles to test her, Graf hasn't lost a match since that Hamburg event, where her distress over the circumstances of Seles's injury contributed to a loss in the semifinals.

Beating Sukova has, after all, become a habit: Graf commands their non-rivalry by a 20-1 margin, with 20 consecutive victories. No wonder she described herself as "very relaxed" as she entered her 21st career Slam final.

Against Sukova, Graf had little reason to worry. Her first serve was steadier, her ground strokes superior, and her grasp of the seven break points she earned was unrelenting — she converted all but two.

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The 6-foot, 2-inch (1.87-meter) Sukova may have had the edge on plucking treetop overheads out of the air, a tactic that worked well in her upsets of the four-time champion Martina Navratilova and second-seeded Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, but Graf chose to nullify that talent by making her opponent bend for shots rather than reach for them.

"I can't tell you how she was playing five years ago," said the disappointed Navratilova, who was defeated by Graf in her only other Open final here, in 1986.

Graf broke Sukova at the beginning of both sets, a precedent that boded well for the German and badly for the 28-year-old Sukova, who couldn't move fast enough to prevent herself from being a target for Graf's passing shots.

Pioline and Sampras Meet in Men's Final

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — For Cedric Pioline the challenge was simple: Beat No. 1 again. Do it for the second time in a week — against a different No. 1 — and he would be the U.S. Open champion.

straight ace, the booming serves a sort of declaration of his intentions. He had 16 aces and converted 95 percent of his first serves.

Pioline became the first French finalist at the Open in 61 years on Saturday when he beat unseeded Wally Masur, 6-1, 6-7 (3-7), 7-6 (7-2), 6-1.

Volokov, the first Russian to reach the semifinals here, was not broken until it counted most, on the final game of the first set. But Sampras began wearing him down after that and, by the third game, with shadows settling over the National Tennis Center, he was clearly in charge.

Then Pete Sampras, taking advantage of Jim Courier's early elimination by the 15th-seeded Pioline, claimed the top spot in the rankings and one in Sunday evening's championship match against Pioline with a 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 victory over Alexander Volkov.

Sampras was the first opponent Pioline was expected to beat, but expectation was such a burden that he began the match by obliterating the Australian in a 29-minute first set.

Sampras, who won the Open in 1990 and captured the Wimbledon title in July, held the No. 1 ranking from April 12 before losing it back to Courier on Aug. 23, one week before this tournament began.

Sampras took it back decisively against Volkov. He opened the match with three 3-4 after losing the first four points. Pioline strung together three of his sloppiest points of the tournament — a flubbed forehand volley, a mis-hit forehand and a double fault — as the match evolved.

Hill Wins in Italy For Prix Hat Trick

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MONZA, Italy — Damon Hill of Britain completed a spectacular hat trick of Formula One victories on Sunday when he took advantage of the misfortune of his Williams-Renault teammate Alain Prost to win the Italian Grand Prix.

One season, also won the Hungarian and Belgian Grands Prix. With 53 championship points, and three races remaining in the 16-round competition, Hill, the No. 2 driver of the Williams team, still could overtake Prost, who has 81 points.

In a dramatic race of attrition and accidents, Hill took the lead when Prost, 38, blew his engine four and a half laps from what would have been his record 52d career victory. It also would have clinched his fourth world title.

Each victory is worth 10 points. Second place is worth six. Prost had led for 48 laps after roaring off from the pole position.

Hill then cruised to a comfortable victory ahead of Jean Alesi of France, in a Ferrari, by more than 40 seconds.

"It happened all of a sudden, as I had the race under control," Prost said. "I had hoped to clinch the title at Monza, and I was very close to it. I'm disappointed of course but I still have a good lead. I could finish it off in the next race in Portugal."

Michael Andretti of the United States finished third in his McLaren for his first podium finish in Formula One.

The next race is scheduled at Estoril, Portugal, on Sept. 26.

Hill, 32, in his first full Formula One season, also won the Hungarian and Belgian Grands Prix.

Prost's other chief rivals in the championship, Ayrton Senna of Brazil, in a McLaren, and Michael Schumacher of Germany, in a Benetton, were both forced to retire.

Senna, a former world champion, spun off in the first lap after colliding with Hill, resumed racing in ninth place and retired in the 45th lap after hitting Martin Brundle from behind.

"We were both late in braking and I could not hold the car," Senna explained.

He fell to third place in the championship standings, with 53 points. The Brazilian driver still has a mathematical, although dim, chance to win the title.

In another hit-from-behind incident, Christian Fittipaldi, in a Minardi-Ford, collided with his teammate Pierluigi Martini and flew into the air on the final straight in the last lap. The Brazilian crashed through the finish line to capture eighth place, behind Martini. Fittipaldi was not injured.

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Rypien had just scrambled 5 yards when he was knocked to the ground by defensive tackle Eric Swann early in the second quarter. They rolled over and over. Rypien's right knee trapped under his hip in what was later diagnosed as a sprained medial collateral ligament.

David Treadwell added three-field goals as the Giants (2-0) spoiled Craig Erickson's first start at quarterback.

Phoenix controlled the game from the beginning, driving to the Washington 1 before the Redskins staged a goal-line stand. That only served to set up Bailey's scoring punt return four plays later.

But Erickson played well for Tampa Bay, which has lost at least 10 games each of the last 10 seasons. He completed 16 of 28 passes for 174 yards and had the Bucs (0-2) in position to get back into the game late in the third quarter.

Peete threw completions of 14 yards to Barry Sanders, 13 to Herman Moore and 17 to Brett Perriman on the final drive. The last pass gave Detroit a first down at the New England 28-yard line.

It dashed the hopes of a sell-out crowd that saw rookie Drew Bledsoe march the Patriots 77 yards in 3:12 to the game's only offensive touchdown, a 2-yard pass to Vincent Brisby with 12 seconds left in regulation time.

Eagles 20, Packers 17: Roger Ruzek kicked a 30-yard field goal with 5 seconds to go as Philadelphia rallied with 13 fourth-quarter points to win in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Colts 9, Bengals 6: In Cincinnati, Dean Biasucci kicked a 42-yard field goal with 3 seconds left, deciding a game of inept offenses and giving Indianapolis the victory over winless Cincinnati.

Randall Cunningham, twice stripped of the ball by Reggie White in the first half, eluded his former teammate on a rollout and heaved a 40-yard touchdown pass to Victor Bailey to tie the score 17-17 with 4:14 left.

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Brand Easily Wins European Open

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches UCKFIELD, England — Gordon Brand Jr. of Scotland completed a start-to-finish triumph over Europe's Ryder Cup stars, cruising to a seven-stroke victory in the European Open on Sunday.

"I never thought anyone would catch me today and it's great to win again," said Brand, who had not won on the tour in four years. "After waiting so long I never thought it was going to happen again."

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Handwritten Arabic text: سكوذا من الأصلي

Nancy Mitford: Anything for a New Face

PARIS — Are people called merry anymore or, in the old sense of the word, gay? Do they love a leg-pull or a tease? And, for that matter, are many little girls these days called Nancy? The answer to all these questions must be no, which accounts in part for the cult of Nancy Mitford, a minor writer and a major hoot and already a biography and a memoir. Her letters come out this week in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of her death.

"The Letters of Nancy Mitford" (published in London by Hodder & Stoughton) have been edited by Charlotte Mosley, who is married to the Paris-based son of Nancy's



Drawing by William Acton, top, and a 1930s photograph of the English writer.

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second sister Diana. Mosley tracked down a phenomenal 8,000 letters — Nancy, she says, wrote several letters a day, usually just before or after breakfast in bed — from which she chose 500 to print.

"I just picked out the ones that jumped off the page," Mosley says, "the ones I enjoyed."

Most of the letters are at Chatsworth, home of Nancy's youngest sister Deborah, Duchess of Devonshire, who as a final tease Nancy named her literary executor having always claimed that Deborah was illiterate and often addressing her in letters as Nine, her alleged mental age. Another tease, on Nancy this time, is that many of her other letters ended in American universities despite her intense loathing of the United States.

Evelyn Waugh, a close friend from Bright Young Thing days to whom she wrote her best letters, described Nancy in his dedication of "The Loved One" as the "hardest hearted well no the toughest is the word girl I know," imitating her breathless and commaless style to do so. In letters she admitted to being insensitive, superficial, thick-skinned and a snob. One may be charmed but can one really like her? Probably not, for the simple reason that she would not have liked one.

Aged 24 she wrote to her only brother Tom, who died in World War II, that she was depressed by being merely two dimensional, then settled to making those two dimensions as amusing and larky as possible. In 1952, when Bertrand Russell, meeting her for the first time, asked if she was happy, she replied, "Perfectly happy from morning to night." Russell, she wrote to Waugh, replied, "Good gracious you're the first person I ever heard say that."

"Oh dear, why are people so sad, I wish I knew," Nancy added.

The Mitford family is familiar to readers of her two best novels, "The Pursuit of Love" and "Love in a Cold Climate," still in print in many tongues. Her mother, Lady Redesdale, was unloved by Nancy because Nancy felt unloved by her, doltily vague (when Nancy had a hysterectomy following an ectopic pregnancy, Nancy reported to Diana that their mother said, "Ovaries — I thought one had 700 like caviar"). With reason, Lady Redesdale once commented, "Whenever I see the words 'Peer's daughter' in a headline, I know its going to be something about you children."

The fearsome Lord Redesdale ("Uncle Matthew" in the novels referred to people he disliked, of which there were many, as "sewers" which, in a learned footnote, Mosley explains as nothing to do with drainage but is based on snuff, Hindustani for pig, Redesdale had been a tea planter in Ceylon in his youth).

Nancy, who had nearly been named Ruby, was born in 1904, the oldest of seven children and a natural nursery tyrant. To the prissy Harold Nicolson she always had a

Roedean hoydenishness which he disliked (she never received proper schooling, much less at Roedean). Certainly she retained child's shifty loyalty ("I am very disloyal," she wrote Lady Diana Cooper), to the point of urging the Home Office also to imprison her favorite sister, Diana, after Diana's husband, the British fascist Sir Oswald Mosley, had been jailed.

Diana was duly sent to Holloway in 1940. "I suppose she sits and thinks of Adolf," Nancy wrote to a family friend.

The family's political sympathies varied from Hitlerian to Communist, with Nancy engaging in both extremes before settling into a combination of parlor pink ("synthetic coquetry," Diana called it) and lyrical Gaullism inspired by her lover, the French politician Gaston Palewski.

Palewski, a notorious womanizer who seemed more in love with her eccentric family than with Nancy ("la famille Mitford fait ma joie") came into her life when he was in London during the war with De Gaulle. Before that, she had had a very long engagement to a homosexual who, to escape her, suddenly married someone else, and a rebound marriage to Peter Rodd, nicknamed Prodd, an impossible combination of a scamp and a club bore (Waugh's Basil Seal was based in part on Rodd).

Because of Palewski, as she said, Nancy moved after the war to Paris where their relationship was, on his orders, clandestine. Her famous and sociable flat on Rue Monsieur was a sort of Back Street.

"A little love and affection would be very welcome though it's unexpected," she wrote Palewski in 1954, but most of her letters to him are bravely charming, sometimes providing dialogue because none would be forthcoming from him.

"I think you are the most good & charming man in the world (How true that is). And my life is a desert without you (I know I know)."

She adored France, at least her France which was a better-dressed and more cosmopolitan version of prewar England. She was happily out of touch with modern life — "What are jeans?" she inquired in 1960 — and her later novels are congealed period pieces. But the French enjoyed her ("They think I'm awfully eccentric because I yell with laughter every time they speak"), and her letters became even more filled with cheery malice.

There is the description of the planned ball for all the former mistresses of Duff Cooper, the British ambassador, continuing news of Christian Dior (to Waugh: "Mr Dior is going to Rome to see the Pope. Holy Year is thus brought home to us all"); a dinner with Princess Margaret ("She looked like a huge ball of fur on two well-developed legs"); the teasing anti-American interview with Art Buchwald ("I detest Abraham Lincoln. When I read the book 'The Day Lincoln Was Shot' I was so afraid he would go to the wrong theater"); the general genial bitchiness: "A friend of mine came over from England for one of the balls & said to his dinner partner, 'Who is that over there who looks so nice?'"

"There is nobody nice here" was the reply.

She wrote historical studies, regarding her characters as people she had known. Louis XV she found not unlike her father, while she adored Frederick the Great, the subject of her last book, because he was "so clever and funny" and, above all, a tease.

By the time she began "Frederick the Great" she had moved to Rue d'Artois in Versailles and been, without warning, dropped by Palewski who married an heiress. At the same time she was stricken by a hideously painful illness finally diagnosed, shortly before her death as a rare form of Hodgkin's disease rooted in the spine.

Her sufferings lasted more than four years and her letter writing increased — Mosley found 1,000 from this period — as she banneted visitors because she didn't wish to upset them. She writes now with moving gallantry, as in her description of a suspicious lump which turned out to be a liver cancer:

"I wonder if it's my twin brother one has heard of that: a little old man with a white beard. Little Lord Redesdale, shrieking away, might be an addition to the Rue d'Artois and Diana's dinner parties — la coqueluche de Paris. Anything for a new face."

She is very funny about the charlatans well-meaning friends sent to her and the Mass offered for her in the name of Pausanias. She wrote, "I can't live or, as I long to, die. What is to kill and what is to cure me?"

Her last letter was to Palewski: "I would love to see you but I can't move." Three weeks later she was dead. The day she died Palewski stopped by on instinct and although she was unconscious she seemed to smile when he took her hand.

LANGUAGE

Betwixt, Among and Between

By William Safire

NEW YORK — Charlotte Thorp of Brooklyn was struck by the subtitle of Lester Thurow's recent book, "Head to Head: The Coming Economic Battle Among Japan, Europe and America."

"I was taught, as a child," she writes, "that between was for two things, among for three or more. True, that's what most people are taught. Even copy editors are taught that: The Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual re-introduces two items and among introduces more than two." That stylebook directs that between also be used when expressing the relationships of three or more items considered one pair at a time, as in "negotiations between the network and the Clinton, Bush and Perot committees."

But Thorp, a native speaker, feels uncomfortable about that subtle, "The Coming Economic Battle Among Japan, Europe and America." She writes: "The editors goofed, no? It should be 'Between Japan, Europe and America.'" To her ear, it's a battle between, not among, the three powers, no matter what she had been taught as a child. Her ear (her innate feel for the language) is fighting her eye (her instruction from teachers and stylebooks). This conflict leads to cognitive dissonance, despair and her plea to the language maven for an all-day succor.

To all those caught in Charlotte's web, this advice: Consider the possibility that your ear may be right and the "rule" not a real rule. The New York Times stylebook buttresses her concern by going further than its AP counterpart: "Between is correct in reference to more than two when the items are related (both) severally and individually." The New York Times's example is "The talks between the three powers ended in agreement to divide the responsibility among them."

Who did the "rule" begin? Where did this guilt on Thorp? "Between is properly used of two," Samuel Johnson wrote in his dictionary of 1755, "and among of more." He saw twice as meaning "twain, two," and therefore decided that it would be "proper" to limit the division to two. He did notice, however, that not everybody was as fastidious as him (or,

as he would say, as he: "But perhaps," he added, "this accuracy is not always preserved."

Noah Webster considered himself an observer more than a prescriber, and in 1828 — reporting what he was seeing and hearing — took sharp issue with Johnson: "We observe that between is not restricted to two. Sir James A. H. Murray, editor of the early volumes of the Oxford English Dictionary, published in 1933, took a long look at usage both before and after his fellow lexicographers Johnson and Webster, and found, 'In all senses between has been, from its earliest appearance, extended to more than two.' He concluded that between 'is still the only word available to express the relation of a thing to many surrounding things severally and individually, among expressing a relation to them collectively and vaguely.'" Henry W. Fowler, the great 20th-century usagist, labeled the Johnson distinction a "superstition" and warned that it "dies hard."

Here we have a rule that doesn't really rule; it hangs on with no real authority, but is useful enough in most cases to satisfy a general craving for direction. It is a connoisseur's delight: "Whatsamatter, don't you know the difference between between and among, or among between, among and among?" People like Charlotte Thorp and other sisters of Norma Loquendi tolerate the decision of the correctionmongers but mutter to themselves and their local language columnist that something does not sound quite right.

Let's not knock moorings. Certain rules of grammar are immutable: subject-verb agreement is one, and any variation from that is dialect. Certain distinctions are clarifying and should be preserved: inference is taken, while implication is given. But beware of the sibyllish mangleparsing as a rule.

I usually use between when separating two, and among when discussing more than two, because I want to, not because I have to. However, I would feel more comfortable with "the battle between Japan, Europe and America" because it is a battle between Japan and Europe, between Europe and America, and between Japan and America. Never use among when dealing with only two because (among you and me) it sounds funny.

A pitch came in from the Third Millennium, an outfit describing itself as "the new post-partisan advocacy group." This on top of hearing myself described as a "post-Cold-Warrior" and seeing determinedly au courant critics reduced to tears after having been outdared by post-post-modernism.

Wherefore this posting with such dexterity? To David N. Barnhart, general editor of The Barnhart Dictionary Companion, who has compiled a list of recent post usages from post-Asian Hill-stress-syndromes to post-synoptic. "People attempt to place important events in recent history by adopting terms such as post-Chernobyl, post-Watergate and post-communism," Barnhart notes. "The passing of a prominent person is exhibited in such terms as post-Khomeini and post-Gorbachev."

Among terms recently leaving the post are post-emergent, herbicide, post-feminism, post-nationalism and (without a hyphen) postvention, which is what happens at the tail end of a convention.

One item listed caught my eye: post-consumer. Is consumerism dead already, before I had a chance to join a class action against some predatory producer? No, the satirist citation was from Fortune magazine in August 1989: "Markets for recycled plastic garbage — euphemistically called 'post-consumer' plastics — generally are so modest that vast investments in recycling don't make economic sense."

So what does post-consumer mean? An item tossed away after a consumer is finished with it? An avid reader of The Washington or New York Post? Or — as in "this age of post-consumerism," by Sharon Stangor in the Chicago Tribune last year — the era when consumers are so smart they reject the old consumers' movement?

Post is too much in vogue; it identifies a time only by what preceded it. If originality fails, and you cannot name the time or place you are in, take a leap with the prefix pre. Welcome to the pre-millennial era.

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Region	City	High	Low	Temp	Wind	Clouds	Precip
Europe	Algeria	23/23	15/25	20/17	17/82	sh	0.00
	Amsterdam	19/21	15/20	16/21	14/57	sh	0.00
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	Berlin	20/20	10/18	15/18	22/71	sh	0.00
	Brussels	20/20	10/18	15/18	22/71	sh	0.00
	Buenos Aires	24/25	14/27	19/23	17/62	sh	0.00
	Calcutta	30/30	24/24	27/27	22/71	sh	0.00
	London	17/18	12/12	14/15	54/67	sh	0.00
	Madrid	20/20	10/18	15/18	22/71	sh	0.00
	Moscow	17/18	12/12	14/15	54/67	sh	0.00
North America	Albuquerque	20/20	10/18	15/18	22/71	sh	0.00
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	Manila	20/20	10/18	15/18	22/71	sh	0.00
	Mexico City	20/20	10/18	15/18	22/71	sh	0.00
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	Shanghai	20/20	10/18	15/18	22/71	sh	0.00
	Singapore	20/20	10/18	15/18	22/71	sh	0.00
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- Decorous
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- Ridge
- 1972 Kentucky Derby winner
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- Do something daring
- They lead to Rome
- Yield
- Admiralships
- Adriatic seaport
- Common or sixth
- Tenth month, once
- Risky deal, for short
- Shaves
- What am I do?
- Carry away delightedly
- Suave
- Requirements
- Hodges and Bis
- The bigger pict.
- Westerly competitors
- Main event warm-up
- Paddy grain
- Tumble or Great ruler
- Marshal Dillon
- Toast starter
- And's companions
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- Florentine poet
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